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ENGLAND SCORE RAPIDLY.

BUT LOSE TWO MORE WICKETS.

NINETY-THREE RUNS PUT ON THIS MORNING.

EXCITING SITUATION.

The dismissal of two England batsmen, Larwood and Hammond, marked this morning's play in the Fifth Test at Melbourne, but there is room for congratulation in this fact that England added 93 runs to the over-night total, an average of more than one run per minute.

Yesterday's rain has apparently had a bad effect on the wicket for Reuter reports that the ball is beginning to kick.

England are now 189 runs ahead with seven wickets to fall, which seems to suggest that there is to be another great fight for victory.

Hobbs was in fine form this morning claiming the giant's share of the runs. He was out when the lunch interval was reached with 58 to his credit.

Roughly four thousand spectators turned out this morning when the match was resumed in cloudy weather. The pitch was still playing fast, though it is the sixth day of the game, but it was quickly made evident by the way the bowlers were making the ball nip up that the pitch would play difficult to-day.

England met with early disaster, though it was never supposed that Larwood would stay long. He ran one, the stroke being made by Hobbs, and was then clean-bowled by Wall. His over-night score of 11 was unchanged.

Bright Cricket.

Hammond joined Hobbs and some bright cricket was seen from the Surrey player, Hammond being strangely restrained. He had not quite got the hang of the pitch when Hobbs nicked Wall to the boundary and sent up England's first 50 in 50 minutes of play. This compares very favourably with Australia's achievement of 124 runs for 6 wickets when they were at bat for practically the whole day yesterday.

Geary's wonderful bowling was, of course, largely responsible for the apparent ineptitude of the Australian batsmen, his five wickets costing him only 51 runs.

Hammond Caught.

England's batsmen continued to make runs at a fast rate this morning. When 76 appeared on the board, however, Hammond mistimed a ball from Fairfax, which rose sharply, and which he was trying to cut. Ryder at second slip was presented with an easy catch.

Hobbs, joined by Tyldesley, soon after scored his personal 50, with a hit for 4 off Grimmett. He had then been batting for 86 minutes. His wicket was thrown down twice when he was attempting sharp singles—too late, but they were narrow escapes.

After 94 minutes from the start of the innings, the first 100 was sent up. Tyldesley was also playing well, scoring almost at the same pace as Hobbs.

England—2nd Innings.

Hobbs not out 58
Jardine, c Oldfield, b Wall 11
Larwood, b Wall 16
Hammond, c Ryder, b Fairfax 11
Tyldesley not out 17
Extras 9

Total (for 3 wickets) 111

Fall of wickets: 1/1 (Jardine), 2/10 (Larwood), 3/75 (Hammond).

England—1st Innings.

J. B. Hobbs, lbw, b Ryder 12
D. B. Jardine, c Oldfield, b Wall 11
W. R. Hammond, c Fairfax, b Wall 11
P. Tyldesley, c Hornibrook, b Ryder 31
C. Duckworth, c Fairfax, b Hornibrook 12
E. Hendren, c Hornibrook, b Fairfax 12
M. Leyland, c Fairfax, b Osenham 137
H. Larwood, b Wall 4
G. Geary, b Hornibrook 4
M. W. Tate, c substitute, b Hornibrook 16
J. C. White, not out 19
Extras 19

Total 610

Fall of wickets: 1/66 (2/146), 3/284, 4/240, 5/288, 6/299, 7/400, 8/421, 9/421, 10/421.

Deviling Analysis.

Wall 0 M. R. W. 0
Hornibrook 48 142 8
Osenham 48 142 8
Grimmett 25 11 40
Fairfax 27 8 84
Ryder 2 2 2
Simpson 1 1 1

MR. PERCY SMITH'S ESTATE.

LEAVES OVER \$31,000 IN HONGKONG.

CURIO COLLECTION.

The late Mr. Horace Percy Smith, chartered accountant, formerly senior partner of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, who died on July 12, 1928, at No. 10, Marine Terrace, Barmouth, England, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$31,492.37, while estate in Great Britain amounts to £2,112.

Probate of the estate has been granted to Mr. G.K. Hall Brutton, who is one of three executors. The other two executors appointed are a son, Capt. H. K. Percy Smith, of the 10/14 Punjab Regiment, Forozepore, India, and Mr. William George, a solicitor of Barmouth. Mr. George has, however, renounced probate.

The late Mr. Percy Smith is survived by his widow, Ada Mary Smith, Capt. J.C. Percy Smith (son), Miss V.K. Percy Smith (daughter), all living at London, and Capt. H.K. Percy Smith, India. The majority of bequests contained in the will are of a family nature. They include a gift of £100 to Mr. Joseph Young, of St. Joseph's Building, Hongkong.

The testator states it is his earnest wish that Capt. H.K. Percy Smith should keep and preserve his (testator's) collection of blackwood, porcelain and other curiosities he had collected at considerable trouble and expense. He further expressed the wish that if the collection had to be sold it should be sold in London.

Among the witnesses who signed the will was Leung Foo.

NOBLE TO FIGHT HIS CASE.

RESIGNS GENERALSHIP AND AIR MINISTRY.

SEEKING VINDICATION.

Rome, Mar. 13. It is officially announced that General Nobile, the leader of the ill-fated Polar Expedition of the airship "Italia", last year, has resigned his rank of General and his post in the Italian Air Ministry.

He has issued a statement to the effect that he may be a free citizen, and thus he is in a position to vindicate himself in spite of the findings of the Commission of Enquiry, the conclusions of which he declined to accept.

The Commission found that the loss of the airship was due to faulty handling by her commander, and that there was no acceptable justification, other than physical and moral depression, for the fact that General Nobile allowed himself to be saved first by the airman Lundborg.

Subsequently, Professor Be-hounek, the Czechoslovakian member of the expedition, defended Nobile in warm terms, accusing the Commission of bias and prejudice. He says that both Lundborg and himself were satisfied that the rescue of Nobile was the only possible course.—Reuter.

OXFORD CREW DOES WELL IN TRIAL.

London, Mar. 13. The Oxford crew rowed the full course in a trial from Putney to Mortlake, their time being 19 min. 13 sec.—Reuter.

[This is very good time indeed. The record was made in 1911 by Oxford with 18 min. 20 sec.]

THE KING REMAINS INDOORS.

VISITED BY PRINCESS ELIZABETH.

London, Mar. 13. H.M. the King passed another good day. The weather was rainy, dull and cold throughout the day, and it was impossible to take the King into the grounds of Craigwell House. His Majesty spent the day sitting in his rooms. Princess Elizabeth, who arrived at Craigwell House this evening to spend a few days with the Queen while her parents, the Duke and Duchess of York, are in Norway, was taken to see her grandfather soon after her arrival.—British Wireless.

"VOLGA BOATMAN" FILM SEIZED.

STARTLING INCIDENT AT SWATOW.

TROOPS INVADE CINEMA DURING PERFORMANCE.

NERVY OF COMMUNISM.

A rather startling incident is reported by the Telegraph correspondent at Swatow, this being the invasion of a cinema by armed troops and the confiscation of "The Volga Boatman" film, on the ground that it is seditious in character, and is nothing more or less than Communist propaganda.

There has for some time past been considerable fear of fresh Communist outbreaks in the city, a fact which has increased the anxiety on the part of the officials which has been caused by rumours of a possible split in the Nanking Government in the near future.

The authorities, in the course of their investigations, discovered fresh evidence of Communist activity, and, continuing their enquiries, they unearthed two or three plots by "Reds".

The Film Incident.

It was on Saturday, the 9th instant, that the film incident occurred. For some months past, one of the cinema theatres had been advertising the proposed screening of "The Volga Boatman", the first performance being fixed for Saturday. As it happened, this turned out to be the last as well as the first showing, although it had been intended to give several screenings.

During the performance, without the least warning, the theatre gradually became filled with armed troops, who remained in the building until the film came to an end.

Theatre Surrounded.

There was no interference of any kind during the screening, but when it was over the spectators, on leaving the theatre, found that the whole place was surrounded by armed soldiery.

This occasioned considerable consternation, but everyone was allowed to leave. The military then raided the theatre and confiscated the film, on the ground that it was of a seditious nature and was nothing more or less than Communist propaganda.

Action Inexplicable.

This question which is being warmly debated here, says our correspondent, is why no action was taken or protests made before the showing of the film, which had been widely advertised some months beforehand. The official attitude is all the more inexplicable in view of the fact that although the film was banned in Shanghai, it was shown without hindrance or objection a few weeks ago at Canton, the seat of government for the province to which Swatow belongs.

There can be no doubt, adds our correspondent, that the authorities in Swatow take a fairly grave view of the political outlook, and are afraid of another Communist upheaval, and the elaborate nature of the precautions taken on the occasion of the showing of "The Volga Boatman" speaks for itself.

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AGRICULTURE IN TROPICS.

GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING LOVAT REPORT.

CEYLON MAN'S POST.

London, Mar. 13. Questions regarding the Government's intention of giving effect to the recommendations of the Lovat Committee, which investigated agricultural organisation and services in the non-self-governing Colonies, were asked in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. E. Ramsden (Cons.).

In reply, Lt. Col. L. C. M. S. Amery, the Dominions Secretary, said that Mr. Frank Arthur Stockdale, C.B.E., had been appointed

GERMAN STEAMER DOOMED.

Crew Rescued From Serious Plight on Rock.

GIessen SUBMERGED.

Shanghai, Mar. 14. The salvage tug "Saucy" which has arrived on the scene of the wreck of the German steamer "Giessen" has sent a wireless message stating that the vessel appears to be doomed.

She has been sinking rapidly over-night and is now submerged fore and aft. The salvage of her cargo will be impossible.

Forty-nine members of the crew of the lost ship are still marooned on Datou Rock without food, and the heavy weather prevents the "Saucy" from taking them off at the present time.

Later.

The "Saucy" has reported by wireless that the crew have been taken off and are being brought here.—Reuter.

Assistant Agricultural Adviser

and had assumed his duties on March 1st.

Mr. Stockdale has been Director of Agriculture and Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Ceylon since 1916. He is an agriculturist of great reputation having written numerous reports and articles relating to Tropical Agriculture, while he has been Editor of the Tropical Agriculturist since 1916.

The post of Chief Agricultural Adviser, said Mr. Amery, has been temporarily left unfilled. The Government is now taking steps to constitute the proposed Advisory Council. Twenty-one out of the 26 Dependencies had agreed to contribute towards the cost of the Council and the other five had not finally decided.—Reuter.

BRITISH STEAMER EXPLOSION.

COLOMBIA RELEASES THE OFFICERS & CREW.

London, Mar. 13. The British foreign Secretary has announced that following representations which he had made to the Colombian Government, the captain, officers and crew of the British steamer Tritonia, who were detained by the Colombian authorities for the purpose of an inquiry into the cause of and responsibility for an explosion on that vessel, had been allowed to leave Buenaventura.—British Wireless.

FATAL MOTOR BUS ACCIDENT.

CHINESE LAD KILLED IN YAUMATI.

A Chinese boy, nine years of age, of No. 46, Reclamation Street, Yaumati, was killed in a motor bus accident yesterday afternoon. The bus involved, No. 129, belongs to the China Motor Bus Company, and the accident occurred in Reclamation Street off Argyle Street.

The off front wheel of the bus ran over the boy's head, after the vehicle had knocked him down.

ROPE COMPANY PROSPECTS.

SHOULD SOON EARN DIVIDENDS.

OVERDRAFT MUCH REDUCED DURING YEAR.

At the annual shareholders' meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., held this morning, Mr. R. G. Shewan, who occupied the chair, made reference to the loss suffered by the Board of Directors through the death of Mr. H. P. White. Mr. Shewan paid a glowing tribute to the qualities of Mr. White, both as a friend and as a colleague.

The report for the year's working showed a slight improvement on the past two years, the Chairman observing that the actual quantity of rope sold was under what they would like to see, but added that with keen competition and the absence of demand, the turnover was not wholly satisfactory.

A reduction of over \$347,000 in the overdraft at bankers was reported.

Later.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, Before we commence the ordinary business of the meeting, it is fitting that I should refer to the loss which we have suffered through the death of our friend and colleague, Mr. H. P. White, who served on this Board for many years. He was a man of fine disposition, straightforward, upright and generous—a man whose "Yes" was "Yes" and whose "No" was "No" and who would always give his opinion without fear of anybody. This room, which has known him for so many years, will not know him any longer. We here will cherish his memory, and his memory, I am sure, will be treasured outside by many others to whom he was a friend in need and a friend in deed.

Continuing, Mr. Shewan said:—With your permission we will dispense with reading the report and accounts for the year 1928, which have been in your hands for some time.

As you will see from the accounts, the balance at credit of Profit & Loss Account, after making provision for depreciation on buildings, plant & machinery, is \$104,050.17. A comparison of the 1927 and 1928 accounts show that the balance at credit of Working Account is slightly better.

Rent collected during the year under review is less by \$35,185.85, but this is compensated for to a certain extent by a reduction of \$20,968.99 in interest.

Overdraft Reduced.

Our overdraft at bankers was also reduced during the year by \$347,155.33, most of which was received from shareholders in payment of the final call, and stands to-day at under \$50,000.

The accounts placed before you show that the Company is in a sound position and at the present rate of progress should soon be once more on a dividend-paying basis.

The monthly average of flats unoccupied at Kennedy Town during the first six months of the year was less than during the second six months only four. The rents obtained, although still much under what we ultimately hope to get, are improving. The premises at Ma-tau-luk were vacated by the Military authorities in April and stood vacant until December. The Air Forces now occupy part of the premises at a fair proportion of the rent formerly received.

Fair Share of Business.

The actual quantity of rope sold is still considerably under what we would like to see, but considering the restricted demand and the very keen and increasing competition which we have to meet we are not altogether dissatisfied with the turnover.

As for the future, we can only say that we have started the year in a normal way and are getting a fair share of the business offering. I now beg to propose that the report and accounts for the year

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STUDENT RIOTS IN MADRID.

ANGRY ABOUT THE CADET DISBANDMENT.

PEDESTRIANS PANIC.

Madrid, Mar. 13. The disturbances in Madrid, the student riots, are closely connected with the quarrel between the Spanish Government and the Artillery, and the subsequent disbandment of the cadets of the military colleges.

Provision has been made for some five hundred youths whose military careers have been suddenly ended, and this appears to have upset the prospective members of already overcrowded professions, who have passed far stiffer examinations than those required of the cadets.

It is feared that the cadets' examinations will hold valid for civilian careers and it is this that had caused the bad feeling among the other students.

Feeling newspapers are receiving by telephone details of the disturbances.

Two thousand students surrounded the Ministry of Instruction with satirical lyrics against the Minister, then proceeded to the A. B. C. newspaper offices and smashed windows. The police charged with drawn swords and fired their revolvers, the students replying with a volley of stones.

The riots occurred in the evening, panic-stricken crowds taking refuge in cafes and shops, the windows of which were smashed to smithereens.

The student who was shot, as cable earlier, is a nephew of a former Minister, Count Bugallal, and also of Colonel Marcosi, who was sentenced to death and later pardoned in connexion with the conspiracy of 1926.

Four hundred students have now struck at Barcelona.—Reuter.

Later. The Government announces that the student agitation is subsiding, and the situation is tending towards the normal.—Reuter.

TERRIBLE NANKING BLAZE.

OVER TWENTY BODIES SO FAR RECOVERED.

MUCH DESTRUCTION.

Shanghai, Mar. 13. Chinese reports from Nanking state that seven hundred dwelling houses and business shops were wiped out in the fire which broke out in the Hea Kwan suburb and which caused many fatalities.

Latest news states that the search for the bodies of the victims in the debris continued throughout last night and up to this afternoon the charred remains of 21 victims were found, whilst three of those injured have succumbed in hospital.

During the first two firemen were injured and taken to the hospital. A number of persons are still missing.

Over a thousand Chinese were rendered homeless and the death-roll is estimated at about 50.

Pandemonium reigned in the district, resulting in a large number of victims being injured during a struggle to save their belongings and relatives from the burning houses.

SIX MONTHS LEAVE PER ANNUM.

NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR THE WORLD COURT.

Geneva, Mar. 13. The Committee of Jurists which has been considering the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice, established at The Hague, with a view to meeting the wishes of the American Government on the one hand and to speed up election of judges on the other, has reached an agreement.

It has been decided to fix the number of judges at fifteen and to abolish the four deputy-judges.

The judges will be entitled to six months' vacation every year and if the judge's home is more than five days' journey from The Hague, he will, additionally, have six months' leave every three years.

More expeditious election of judges will also be arranged.—Reuter.

LEE BIBLE KILLED AT DAYTONA.

DISASTER IN ATTEMPT ON SPEED RECORD.

AMERICAN CAR'S WILD DASH AT 202 M.P.H.

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

New York, Mar. 13. The quest of the world land speed record claimed another life to-day, a terrible tragedy occurring on the Daytona Beach course when Mr. Lee Bible, piloting Mr. Frank White's great Triplex racing-car, met with disaster.

The machine ran away with the driver at a speed of 202 miles an hour, crashing into the sand-dunes with terrific force, the dead body of Lee Bible, terribly mutilated, being taken out of the wreckage.

Another tragedy was involved, the car hitting a cinematographer in its wild dash, killing him instantly.

Trial Spins.

The American attempt to beat the record of 231.4 miles an hour set by Major H.O.D. Segrave had been postponed from the previous evening owing to unfavourable weather conditions, but Lee Bible made two trial turns over the course at 170 miles an hour and 190 m.p.h., handling the car skillfully.

It was thought likely that he would make a fair bid to upset Major Segrave's achievement and force him to try again.

The attempt, however, failed disastrously. The great car, which was of 1,500 h.p. of 36 cylinders, divided among three powerful motors, never completed the course in one direction.

Sudden Spin.

The exact cause of the tragedy will never, perhaps, be correctly ascertained. The machine was just approaching the end of the measured mile course, when to the dismay of the thousands of spectators, it was observed to spin round suddenly and plunge into the sand-dunes.

The impact was terrific, as it must have been in view of the speed, and the machine was completely wrecked.

It would appear from the evidence of those in the best position to judge that the unfortunate driver found himself running too close to the sea, and in attempting to correct his steering, swung the wheel.

Spectators Panic.

At such a speed it was impossible for him to get back to his proper course and the car ran away with him.

The scenes which followed the disaster are almost indescribable. The terrible shock caused a panic among the spectators, particularly when cars and ambulances were observed racing to the spot where the wreckage of the huge machine had come to a standstill.

Major Segrave had indicated that he might change his mind about racing again, and might attempt to beat his own record if the weather proved favourable before the time comes for him to leave for Miami for his attempt on the motorboat record.

After the accident, however, he announced that he would not make another attempt.

Conditions Not Favourable.

The weather was very cloudy to-day and the conditions were hardly favourable for the attempt by Mr. White's car.—Reuter and British Wireless.

Mr. Lee Bible is the second American racing motorist to be killed on the Daytona Beach in attempting to break the world record.

Frank Lockhart was killed in April last year when engaged in a practice spin preparatory to an attempt on the record which then held good, that of Ray Keech in the car wrecked to-day.

Lockhart's car appeared to hit a soft spot in the sand when he was travelling at 200 m.p.h. The machine spun round and round several times, made several bounding somersaults, and threw Lockhart to his death. Only two months before he had a miraculous escape when the car hurtled into the sea.

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COLLEGE PRIZE DAY.

MR. W. W. HORNELL'S ADVICE TO BOYS.

The annual prize-giving in connexion with St. Joseph's College and its branches took place in the Great Hall of the College, at Kennedy Road last evening, in the presence of a large number of parents and friends of the College.

Mr. W. W. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of Hongkong University, presided, and amongst those present were the Right Rev. Bishop Henry Valerius, Rev. Fr. Byrne, S.J., Rev. Fr. Gallagher, S.J., Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, M. Dufaur de la Prade (Consul for France), Soeur Beatrice, Mother Superior of the French Convent, Mr. and Mrs. Woo Hay-tong, and others.

An enjoyable concert, arranged by Fr. Rigan, preceded the prize-giving ceremony, those contributing in addition to the programme, being Prof. E. Gualdi, Mr. J. Braga, the College Choir and a number of the pupils.

The Director's Review.

Rev. Brother Almar, Director of St. Joseph's College, reading the annual report said, in part:

Mr. Hornell, Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen.—On behalf of the Staff and students, I bid you a cordial welcome to the College. When after a lapse of two years, I asked you Sir, to distribute again the prizes to our boys, I felt that you would kindly accede to my request, for education is your domain. Your genial presence at a function of this kind is an encouragement to both teachers and pupils. It is also a reminder to those among our students who have completed their course of studies here, as certified by the Matriculation diplomas which they shall receive at your hands to-day, that they stand at the cross-roads.

In the near future, the Jesuit Fathers will be pleased to welcome some of them as residents of Ricci Hall and the Vice-Chancellor will gladly enroll them as undergraduates of the University.

In so far as time and means render it feasible, a university course is very desirable as being the crowning of their work and ours. There is ample evidence that men of real foresight are in favour of six years of primary education, to be followed by three of more liberal training, before the cross-roads are reached. In Hongkong, we land our students on the threshold of the University in eight years—not without some danger of cramming. The best safeguard against cramming is an examiner who knows his business, and I am glad to say that the local examinations do separate the good grain from the chaff. We feel, however, that students would be much better qualified for a university course, if a longer period were devoted to giving them a more comprehensive and more thorough knowledge of the essential branches: English, mathematics and science.

Last Year's Activities.

Twenty-five candidates were presented for the Matriculation and/or Senior Local examination. Thirteen passed the Matriculation and four the Senior Local. Seven Matriculation candidates were placed in the Honours List and two Senior Local candidates passed also with Honours. These 17 candidates were awarded 22 distinctions—two in English, 18 in trigonometry, higher mathematics and mechanics, and two in history.

A notable advance has been made in science.—9 Matriculation and 36 Junior candidates passed in physics and chemistry, gaining 6 distinctions. There are now three groups of 16, 33, and 55 students going through their 1st, 2nd and 3rd year courses respectively. Parents and pupils begin to realise that an elementary course in Science is an invaluable contribution to a general modern education.

I beg to be allowed to state that our Matriculation results con-

stitute a fine record, all to the credit of the boys themselves and to their teachers.

Junior School.

The Junior School in Kowloon, is growing in numbers and efficiency. Mr. R. Sutherland reports as follows:—"On the roll, 139 (123 in 1927). Present at inspection, 129 (117 in 1927). Discipline very good. All books were examined and found satisfactory. Dictation tests in classes 5 and 6 were very well done. The school is very efficient."

As soon as the plans are completed and approved, work will be started on the site formation for the new school. The current year will certainly see the laying of the foundation stone of La Salle College, which should be fully occupied not later than December, 1931. In this very big undertaking, we shall need the sympathy and practical support of our Old Boys and friends of education.

Scholarships.

The 30 Woo Hay Tong Scholarships, each of the value of \$50 a year, have been awarded, 24 on the results of the annual examination to boys in the upper classes, and six holders were nominated by Mr. Woo Hay Tong. My most sincere thanks to Mr. Woo Hay Tong, and I am sure the pupils who are benefiting by his generosity desire me to tender their most grateful thanks to him on their behalf. (Applause.)

Mr. Hornell's Congratulations.

Prior to giving away the prizes, Mr. W. W. Hornell said he wished to congratulate the Directors of the College on a very successful year, and to thank Father Rigan and those who had just taken part in the excellent performance to which they had listened.

Mr. Hornell remarked that on the last occasion when he was there, he emphasised the all-sacrificing devotion of the Brothers who left their homes and all they had, to give themselves to their work. In doing so, he said, they were serving a cause which they recognised to be greater than themselves. He commended the spirit of the Brothers to the boys of St. Joseph's College. In the world to-day there were too many people with the canny idea—a policy which sought to do as little as possible and demanded a great deal more than could be given.

He did not say that there were no grievances, but unless they could recover the working of the modern world something of that pride in their work which animated the workers of the Renaissance civilization, as they now knew it, was doomed.

In conclusion, Mr. Hornell said that the boys had the world before them and, in the work which lay ahead, they were not to proceed with the almsgiving of those whose highest endeavour in life was never, in any circumstances, to give themselves away. (Applause.)

The Prize List.

Following is the list of the prizes won in the Matriculation class:

M. H. Murphy—Honours; dist. in English, French, Trigonometry, and Mechanics, 1st Prize for English Grammar and Composition (Senior Bellios Scholarship), French Consul's Prize for French, 1st Prize for Mechanics.

F. A. Gill—Honours; dist. in History, Higher Mathematics, Trigonometry, 1st Prize for Higher Mathematics, 2nd Prize for English Literature, 2nd Prize for Arithmetic, 2nd Prize for English History.

Cheung Shu Ling—Honours; dist. in History and Trigonometry, 1st Prize for English History.

H. F. Gonsalves—Honours; dist. in English and Trigonometry, 1st Prize for English Literature (Edgar Brothers Scholarship), 1st Prize for Portuguese.

Pak Chongchoreon—Honours; dist. in Trigonometry and Mechanics.

A. Thomas—Honours; dist. in French and Trigonometry, 1st

FRANCOL'S MASTER.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE CAPT. CONNOLLY.

The funeral of the late Capt. F. J. Connolly, master of the R. F. A. Francol who passed away suddenly at the Royal Naval Hospital on Tuesday morning, took place at the Protestant cemetery yesterday afternoon, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Hewitt, officiating, and there was a large attendance.

The late Capt. Connolly, who was 45 years of age, first came to Hongkong as master of the R. F. A. Kharki, to which he was appointed in September, 1927. He was later transferred to the R. F. A. Francol, as master, and remained in that capacity until the time of his death. He leaves a widow and a son of seven to mourn his death.

At the funeral were representatives of the Naval Yard as well as from the Francol. Among those present were Mr. E. A. S. Hayward, D.B.E., Naval Base Officer, as chief mourner, Lieut. Com. Bridge, Mr. E. R. Robinson, Mr. A. J. W. Ashby, Mr. S. J. Heath, Capt. W. H. Green (Fort), Capt. L. Elford, (Kharki), Mr. C. Sweeney, Major White, Messrs. C. J. Marsh, S. L. Mugridge, T. J. McGill, W. R. Latham, C. E. Jones, D. E. Morgan, F. W. Black, W. Bruce, R. Haynes, W. McEwen, E. Morris, A. A. Lewis, F. J. H. Chubb.

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H. W. Wing Lee—Honours; dist. in Trigonometry and Mechanics, 2nd Prize for French, 2nd Prize for Algebra and Geometry.

Woo Pak Chuen—Dist. in Trigonometry, Li Shek Pang gold medal for Chinese, 1st Prize for Algebra and Geometry, 1st Prize for Physics and Chemistry (Woo Hay Tong Scholarship), 2nd Prize for Trigonometry.

Chao Pao Yung—Dist. in Trigonometry.

A. F. Noronha—1st Prize for Arithmetic.

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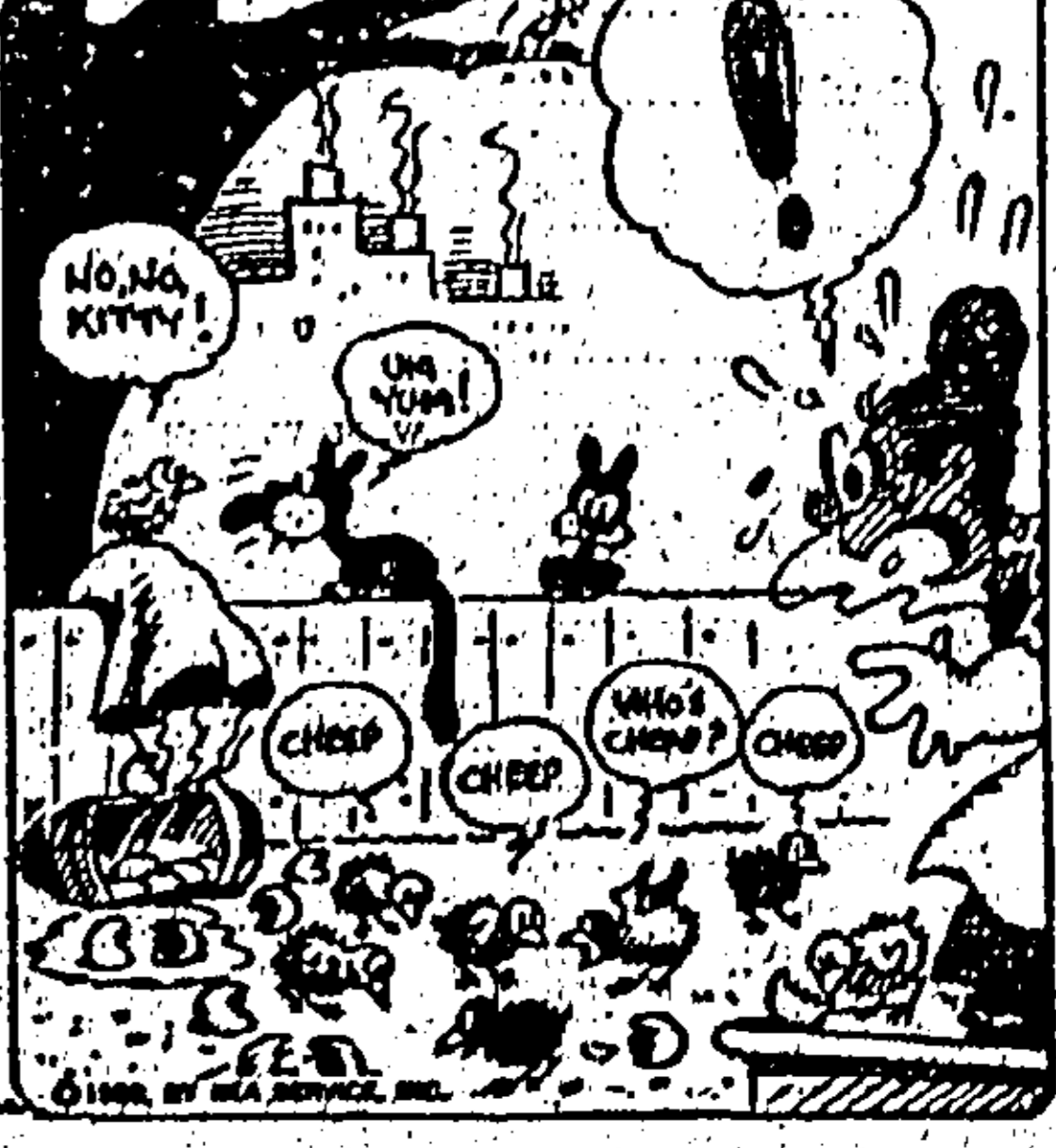
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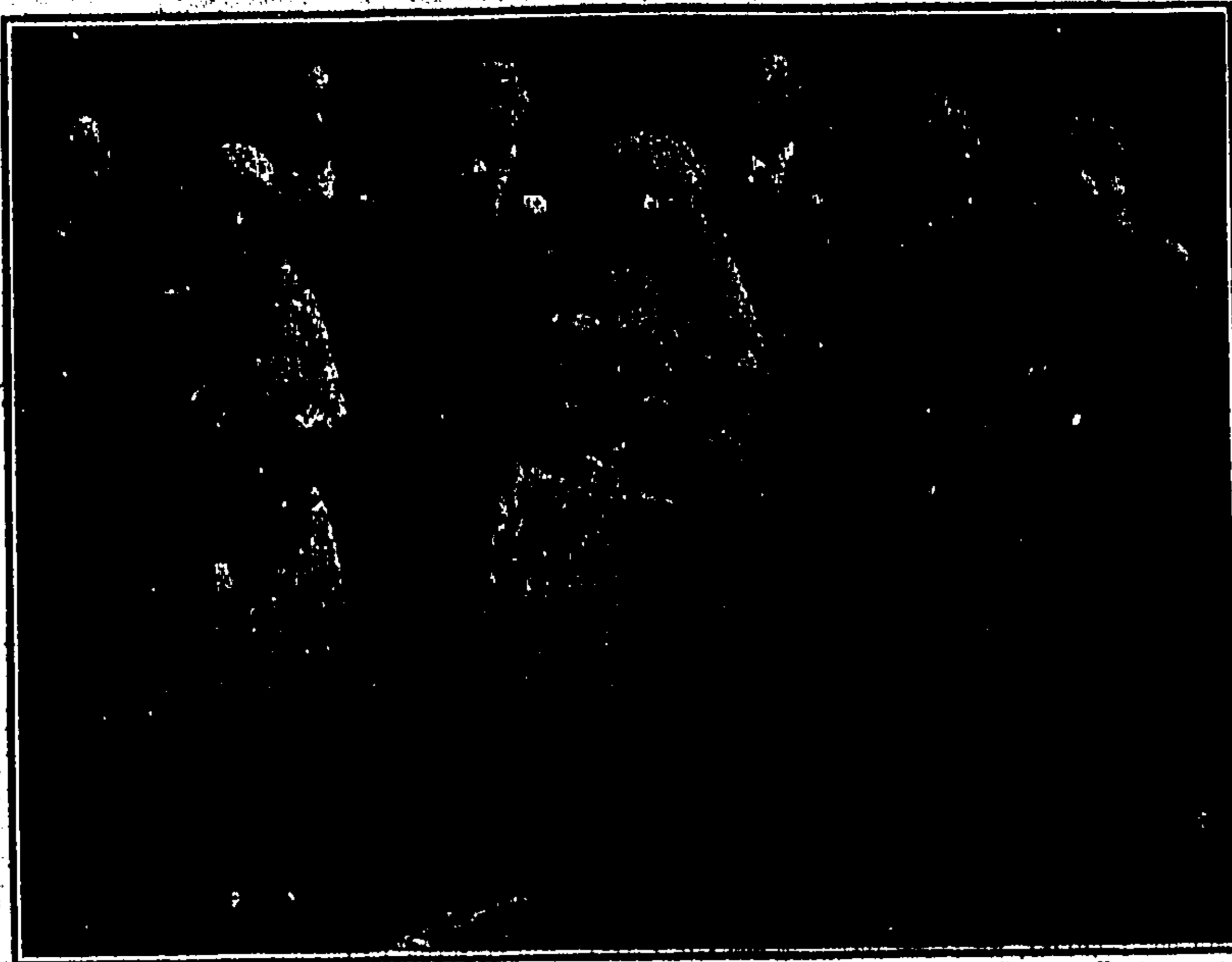


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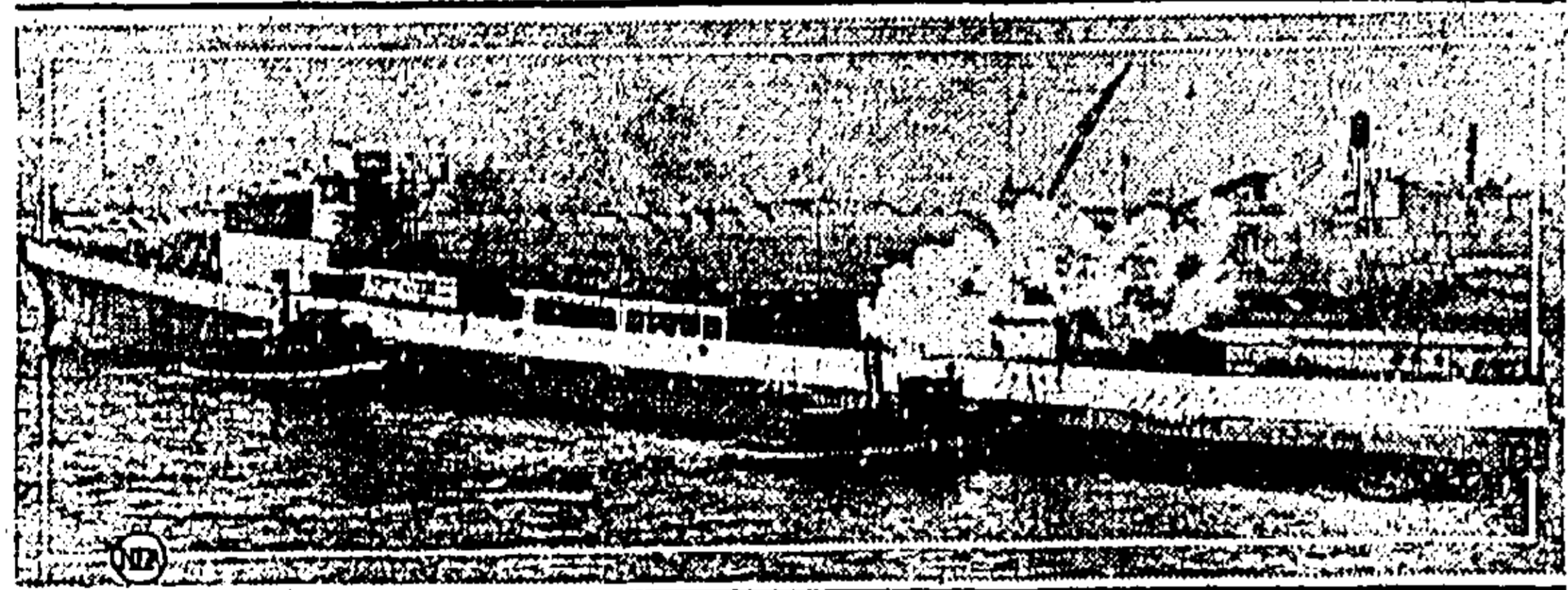
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Group taken after the wedding in Shanghai recently of Miss Gertrude Cohen, and Sergeant Joseph Leslie, of the Shanghai Municipal Police.



The launching of the U. S. S. Salt Lake City, one of the new 10,000-ton cruisers, is depicted above. In the top picture is Mr. Curtis D. Wilbur who has just retired from the Navy Department. He is the second from the right.



Professor Albert Einstein, who celebrates his 50th birthday to-day. An appreciation is printed on another page. He has just issued a new theory, described as a "hard nut to crack" even for expert mathematicians.



Our photo was taken after the official opening in Shanghai of the Shanghai Union of Red Cross Sisters, a Russian organisation.



The Rev. Henry Birked, who was shot and killed during a Wahabi raid in Iraq. Dr. Crane, former U. S. Minister to China escaped.

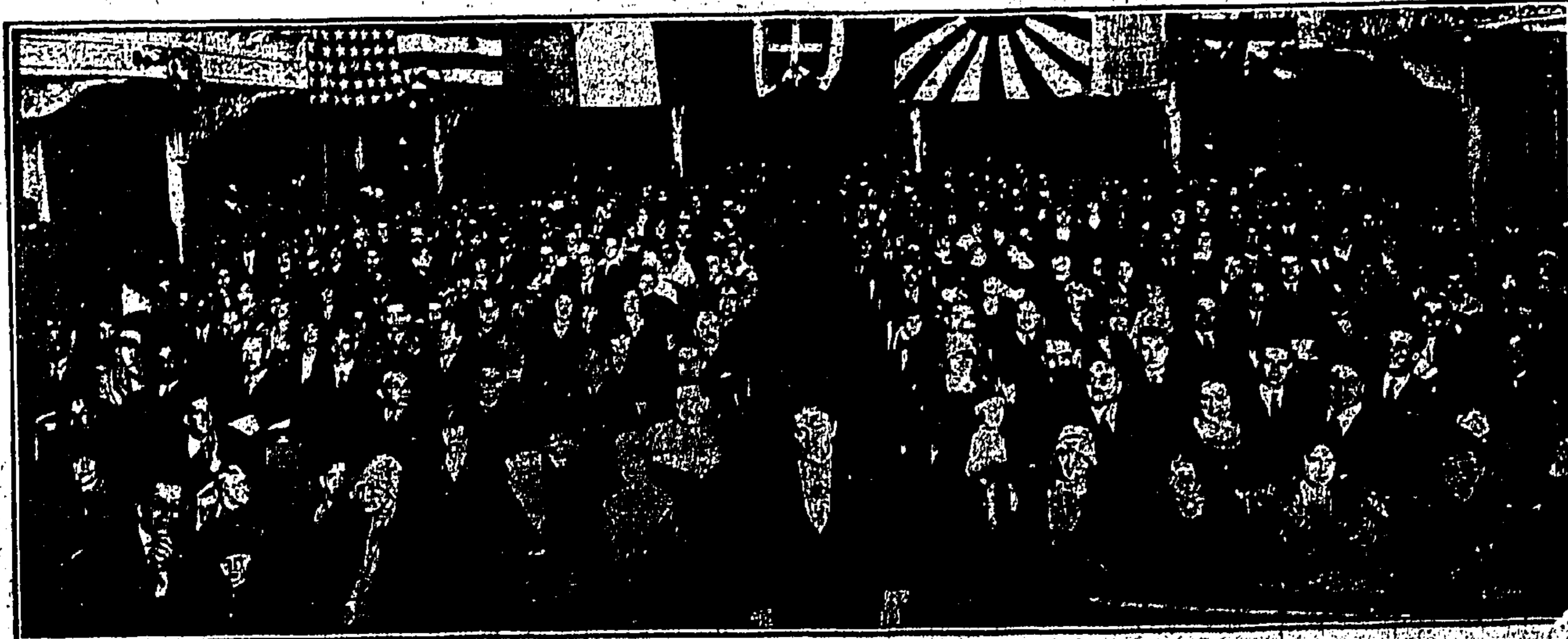


Photo taken at the Lyceum Theatre, Shanghai, recently when a special performance of "Barbiers di Siviglia" was given by the Italian Opera Company for the Italian naval men.

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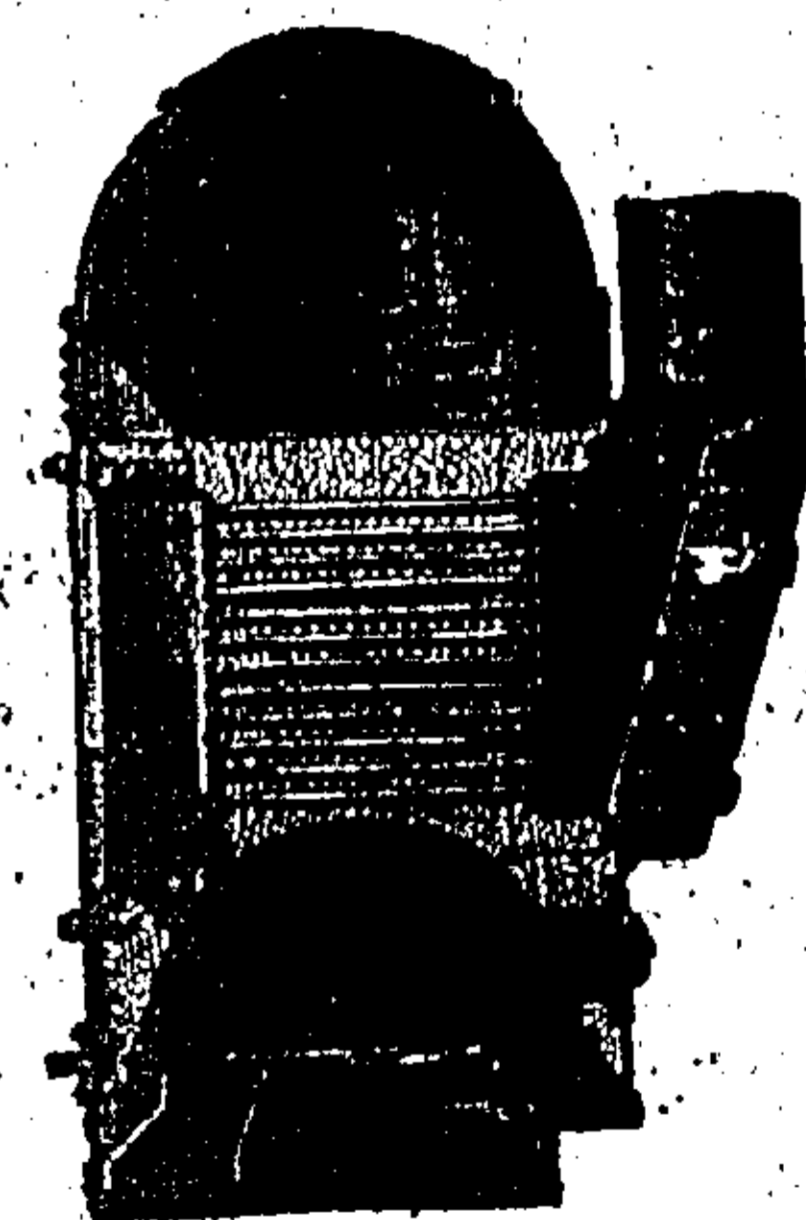
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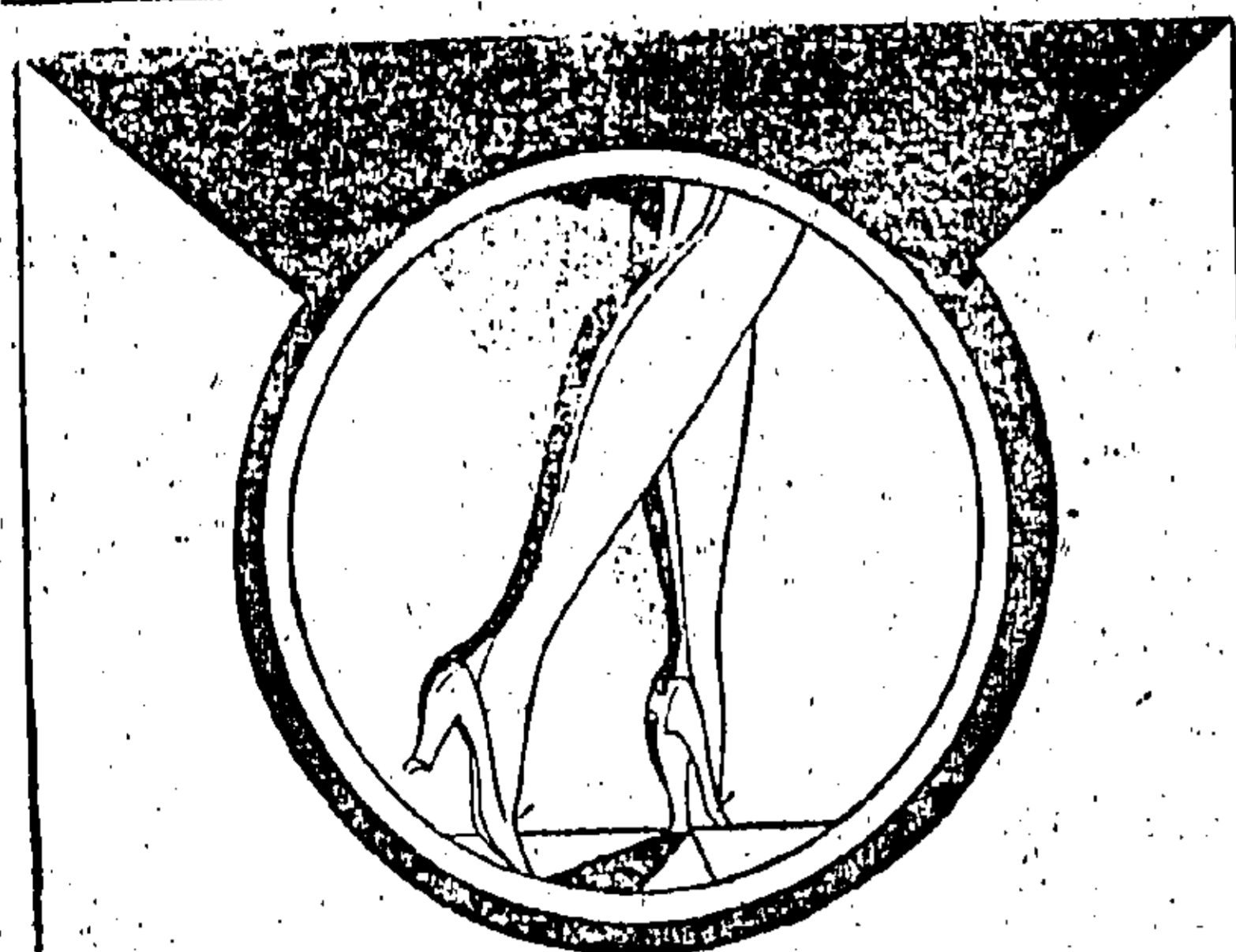
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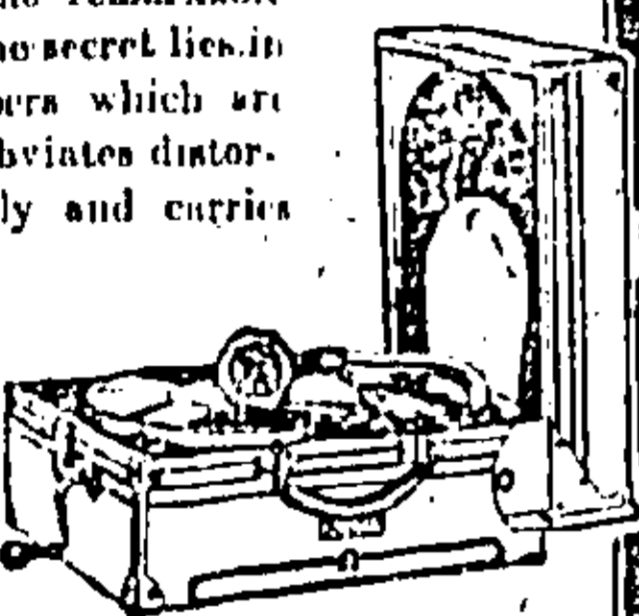
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Bric-a-brac.

COLLECTED BY THE MODERN WOMAN.

Modern bric-a-brac, as distinct from antique pieces, reveals a craze for the miniature. Innumerable tiny houses and cottages, whole farmyards, packs of hounds with huntsmen, and even foxes, every description of quaint bird and beast, natural and grotesque, parade on our mantelshelves and occasional tables. The little figures are of china, blown glass, ingeniously carved, or oddly jointed knobs and geometric shapes in wood, or first cousins of the painted lead soldiers of our early youth.

Broken into groups, we have here a rustic hamlet, complete with thatched cottages and inhabitants, both human and domestic; there a meet of hounds, and here again a sort of futurist Noah's Ark procession of wondrous beasts.

There are also models of old sailing ships in gossamer-like blown glass.

Lovely pieces in this glass are to be seen among the cherished possessions of every woman of elegant tastes. Exquisitely ethereal trees, branches of blossoming shrubs, graceful figures and objects of all kinds, are modelled in this novel material.

A Cinderella coach, with horses and coachman all in blown glass, was exhibited in one collection; infinitesimal sets of glass and decanters, worthy of the famous Queen's Doll's House, are to be found on bric-a-brac tables and a favourite ornament is a bowl of opalescent glass filled with water in which are shells and marine creatures of the most delicate blown glass.

A League of Husbands.

In this country says a writer in a Home Journal, people are still doubting whether the apathy towards politics will be easily broken up, in spite of the fact that they are now fully enfranchised.

Evidently things are different in Germany. In Dessau, a league of husbands has been formed to protect their rights, and one of the reasons for the formation of this association is that their wives are neglecting their household duties for politics!

The League of Husbands also complains of too much "feminism," and members are pledged to render one another mutual aid in resisting wifely pretensions.

On the whole an interesting tussle of wills seems to be foreshadowed.

Perhaps, in view of the fact that similar organisations may arise any day now in Britain, it is just as well that some of us have not had our wits, and that men have not been given the same educational advantages as most women have enjoyed in the past.

Consequently, though man, as the wage-earner of the family, might have the pull, in the event of an organised attempt to win back "men's rights," woman as the home-maker would still be able to keep her end up.

Marrying in One's Profession.

A popular actress recently expressed the opinion that the best husband for an actress is always an actor.

She pointed out that in all difficulties, in illnesses, and in times of bad fortune, she and her husband, who is also an actor, have been able to help one another as they never could have done had they not understood so well each other's problems.

Does the same principle apply to men and women who have chosen other careers than the stage?

One would imagine that two people who had followed the same profession and loved their work—or hated it—would be bound to have a common ground of interest and sympathy that might be lacking to those who knew nothing of the life-work of their partners.

The want of this could probably in most cases, be made up for by community of tastes in other directions, if the working partner has kept any strong interests outside his work, which his wife can share.

But, if a man's life consists only of two things, business and pleasure, and his wife is only able to share in the latter, I can well imagine that she may feel at times as though her husband had grown away from her.

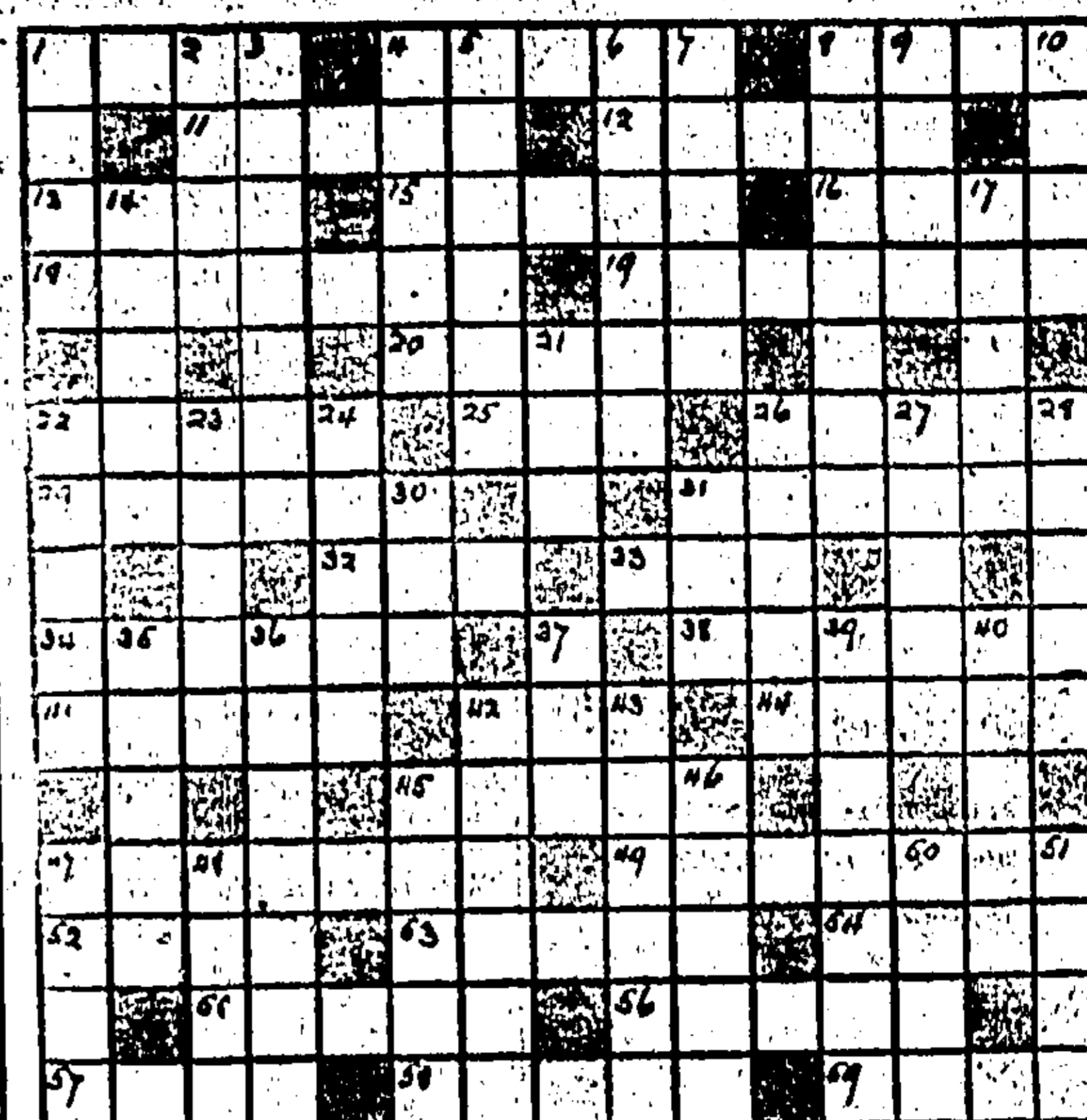
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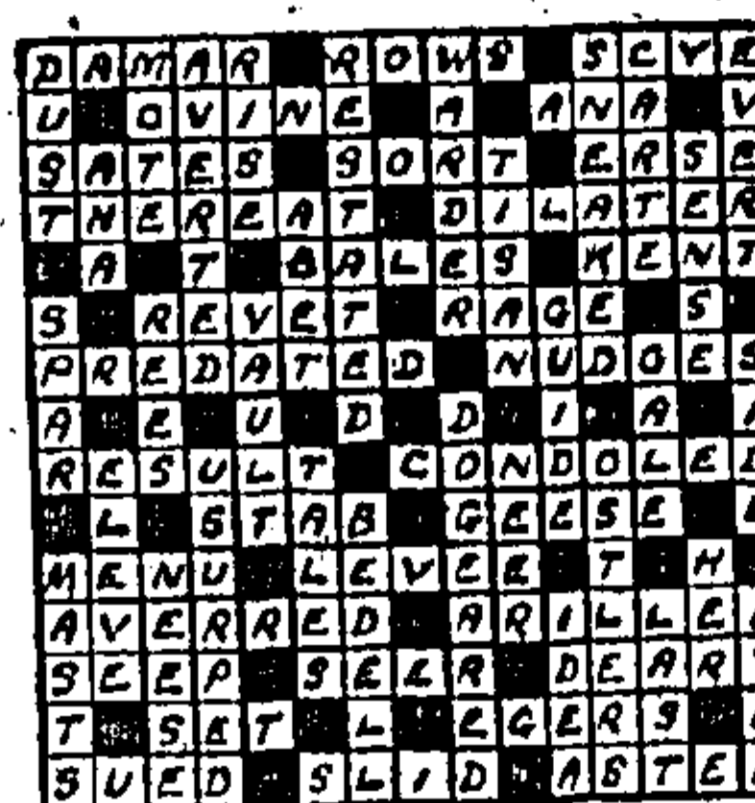
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 19. Combined with air.
 20. Approach.
 22. Rob.
 25. Beam.
 26. Smallest.
 29. Informer.
 31. Military chaplains.
 32. Age.
 33. Boy.
 34. Apparel.
 38. Roundabout way.
 41. Looks.
 42. Hat.
 44. Efts.
 45. Tabulate.
 47. Which of two.
 49. Lasts.
 52. At this place.
 53. Small fish.
 54. Uncommon.
 55. Malignity.
 56. Number.
 57. Parts of foot.
 58. Guide.
 59. Let it stand.
- Down.
1. Large copula.
 2. Unless.
 3. Everlasting.
 4. Covered chair.
 5. Author.
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I'D RATHER ASK ANYBODY IN THE WORLD BUT HER FOR A FAVOR, BUT HERE GOES ANYWAY—I JUST GOTTA KNOW THIS SECRET OF HIS!

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DEATH.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY MARCH 14 1929.

THE COLONY'S TRADE.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce is not usually marked by such a sharp divergence of viewpoint between officials of that body as was revealed on Tuesday. Remarks made by the Chairman in regard to alleged malpractices in the export trade of the Colony were so resented by Mr. J. M. da Rocha, the Chairman of the Exports Sub-Committee, as to call forth a strong protest, on the ground that the strictures passed were entirely unwarranted. Speaking as a business man in daily contact with the export business, and quoting the authority of others equally well-informed, Mr. da Rocha claimed that, so far from Mr. Weill's statements correctly reflecting the facts, the past year has seen a marked improvement in the quality, standard and packing of exports. To the disinterested observer, it does seem regrettable that there should be this clash of viewpoint on a matter of such extreme importance to the trade of the Colony, and we are left to wonder why some agreement was not reached before the holding of the meeting which would have prevented any disturbance of the harmony of the gathering and left no doubt as to the actual facts of the situation.

In making the remarks that he did, Mr. Weill was undoubtedly inspired with a desire that Hongkong should possess the highest possible reputation as a business centre. Indeed, he said so much. But it must also be admitted that his observations were of such a character as to suggest that the business morality of many of our exporters is at a very low ebb. "Adulteration of wood oil and essential oils, poor quality ginger, lowering of the standard of packing and quality of rice, have," he declared, "been the order of the day, resulting in loss of prestige and trade, while claims have been of common occurrence." These are sweeping statements, and we are not surprised that they called forth some criticism. They cer-

tainly cannot be squared with the categorical denial made by Mr. da Rocha. In replying to the latter's protest, the Chairman, whilst promising that the matter should be investigated, asserted that the Chamber had been inundated with claims. It would be interesting to know to what extent these claims have been proved to be well founded. We are informed that there were only a dozen arbitrations last year, seven of which concerned non-members of the Chamber and that all the others were in respect of one member, all these being said to be due to wrong interpretation of the shipping contract, with no question of malpractices at issue. If this is a correct representation of the facts, then we see no reason for wholesale condemnation of the conditions under which the Colony's export trade is carried on. The Incoming Committee, which is to investigate the matter, might well consider the advisability of making public the results of its enquiries as soon as possible.

In regard to the alleged presence of alcohol in cassia oil, the annual report of the Chamber shows that this matter has been most carefully gone into, and correspondence on the question still continues. So far as we can see from a reading of the report, there has been no definite proof of alcoholic content, a circumstance which suggests the inadvisability of officials of the Chamber committing themselves to utterances which might prejudice the issue and cause claimants to press their case. Honesty in business pays in the long run; of that, there can be no doubt. But whilst it is right and proper that that point should be stressed, it is equally important that a big commercial centre such as Hongkong should not suffer undeserved criticism. Above all, it is essential that there should be real co-operation between all officials of the Chamber of Commerce, with the single purpose of securing the maintenance of the Colony's reputation as a great entrepot of trade.

U.S. Invasion of England.

Sir Hugo Hirst, the chairman of the British General Electric Company, has cleared the air immensely by his statement to shareholders in London yesterday. Until then the explanations of the decision to confine the new issue of shares to British citizens seemed to fall short of logical argument, and there appeared to be some ground for the protest by the American shareholders against their exclusion from participation. No hint had been thrown out that shares had migrated to the United States without the knowledge or consent of the British directors; it was naturally presumed that the American holdings were the result of a capital flotation in New York. Sir Hugo has now made it clear that a very determined attempt was suddenly made last year to capture control of the British company, and that more than half the ordinary share capital passed into American hands as the result of heavy buying at abnormally high prices. The British directors took steps to prevent the establishment of foreign control, which would be the result of continued purchases in New York, but, other means having failed, it was stipulated when the time came for a fresh capital call, that the new shares should be British, not transferable to foreigners, or to foreign corporations. The American invasion of England, as this influx of share speculators has been called, cannot be checked at all points, but it is vital that the essential British character of such concerns as the British General Electric Company (in some ways a public utility company) should be preserved. It was in order to guarantee that its shareholders should be predominantly British that special conditions are attached to the new share issue, and the decision of the directors was accepted by a large majority at yesterday's meeting of the Company. The American shareholders protested that the resolution was a violation of the rights of all the stockholders. What they really mean is that the value of the shares they hold is likely to depreciate. But they should not show surprise if protective action follows a financial war on British interests.

ALBERT EINSTEIN.

THE MAN AND HIS CHARACTER.

[On the Occasion of the 50th Birthday of the Father of the Theory of Relativity, March 14, 1929. By Dr. Ludwig Mann.]
In the eighties of the last century I often met Albert Einstein in my grand-parents' house on the Market Place of Ulm, his grandfather being a sister of my grandfather. At that time, his childhood, my cousin Einstein often struck us as having no particular relish for our childish games. Possibly even then his mind was occupied with more serious thoughts; possibly he was also affected by the cares which weighed upon his parents and prevented him from enjoying a really happy childhood. Einstein's father had started an electrotechnical factory for which the times were probably not mature; at any rate, the business did not prosper very well and consequently caused him and his family a great deal of worry. These circumstances naturally cast a certain gloom over Albert Einstein's childhood; he saw troubled faces all around him; he certainly saw that those in need must rely upon themselves and the manner in which they must fight their way through; but just as certainly, too, he learned how bitter it is to be one of those who need to be given assistance.

This experience penetrated deep into the character, so that, throughout his life, he has cherished a profound sympathy for the poor and persecuted and has shown himself ready to help whenever and wherever help was required. Another cause of bitterness was for him his schooling. When he was quite young, his parents left Ulm. They first moved to Munich, then to Italy and afterwards to Aarau in Switzerland. In this way his education was repeatedly interrupted. He took little interest in languages, and was often subjected to scorn at the grammar school in Munich on account of his one-sided intellectual capacity. But his remarkable mathematical gifts ultimately found recognition at the school he attended in Aarau where he passed the examination entitling him to matriculate at a university.

There can be no doubt that the father's connexion with technical affairs provided Albert Einstein with opportunities for making experiments. But he had also the hobby, namely music. His capacity of musical expression, indeed, constituted, as it were, a means of communication between him and people of quite other origin and other speech. His case was one of those in which music proved itself to be a universal language—the expression of current culture through a medium understandable by all. Switzerland, with its mingled nationalities and its variety of universities, trilingual Switzerland—that peaceful enclave of international understanding in the midst of nationally divided Europe—served not merely to widen Einstein's intellectual conception of the universe, but also to point out to his youthful and impressionable mind a road which led him into the remote, the human and the cosmopolitan. In this way, and altogether apart from his researches into the nature of matter, its forces and its phenomena, the ponderer upon natural philosophy was bound to have urged him the relativity of everything human in the sphere of the immaterial, the mental and the spiritual. Thus Einstein, the mathematical and philosophic genius, undoubtedly received from the totality of Albert Einstein the man—out of his deepest soul and out of the subconscious stores of his youthful experience—intuitions and impressions which had their effect upon his labours and researches in the realms of exact

DAY BY DAY.

WORDS ARE OFTEN EVERYWHERE AS THE MINUTE HANDS OF THE SOUL, MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVEN THE HOUR-HANDS OF ACTIONS.—Richter.

Comdr. (E.) L. H. Heath has been appointed to H.M.S. Beo.

H.M.S. Dartmouth has left Aden for Colombo, en route to Hongkong.

H.M.S. Ships Bruce, Seraph and Somme have arrived at Amoy and the Sterling and Stormcloud at Swatow.

An amended notification states that the P. and O. s.s. Khiva, from Shanghai, is due here at 5 p.m. tomorrow.

The transport Somersetshire, which is to pick up the Queen's Royal Regiment at Hongkong, sailed from Singapore yesterday and is due here at dawn on Tuesday.

According to a police report, the last of the three revolvers stolen from No. 2 Police Station on the 8th inst. have been recovered, together with two holsters. It is understood that three men are now in custody.

Pleading guilty to a charge of possession of twenty tablets of prepared opium, a Chinese, described as a carrier, who was arrested last night on the Ho On Wharf, was fined \$2,000 or, in default, six weeks' hard labour, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Magistracy this morning.

science; they had their part in leading him to that doctrine of relativity, which made him famous and valuable to mankind as a whole but which did not make up the worth of the man himself.

The worth of Einstein the man remains the same, with or without the fame—a fame for which he never strove and which, when it came, made not the slightest change in his character or in his modest mode of life.

In Einstein, sentiment and science realise that union with the cosmic which religion calls piety, that union which inspired another great member of the Jewish race, Spinoza, with the courage to seek the truth and, while perceiving the greatness of humanity when viewed as a whole, to view human affairs in all their littleness amid the eternal permutations of the universe.

During the confusion of the war, Einstein kept a perfectly level head, nor did he lose his equanimity during the turbulence which followed the war, although, on account of his views, contumely was poured upon him and he was even menaced with physical danger; despite all this, he remained true throughout to his moral, religious and political opinions.

It is significant of Einstein that he would rather have given up his Judaism than his science, assuming of course the absolute impossibility of retaining both. When he was confronted with the alternative (this was in pre-war times and would be impossible in present-day Germany) of relinquishing his religion or receiving a high academic call, he declined the latter, for—albeit under more modest and less favourable circumstances—he could still pursue his scientific researches. Thus, he would have been prepared to sacrifice his confession to his science but not to his personal prosperity.

In all things Einstein is intensely human in the highest sense of the word. It was this comprehensive humanness of the man that gave birth to his opposition to the war; and it was this same humanness which inspired his labours in connexion with the League of Nations, inasmuch as under the matured influences of his early experience, he devoted his science, his energies and his entire personality to the service of humanity as a whole.

The Very Idea!

Aberdeen. It is reported, has been completely "carried away" by a popular jazz-tune—the words of the song having been slightly amended to bring them into still closer accord with local sentiment: "Ah can't gie ye anything but love, lassie."

Money's no a thing tae gie awa', lassie.

Wedding rings—

An' sic things—

Ah'm no sae saft!

Bide a wee,

An' we'll see

What yer auld grandfather

wills ye.

Fine ah'd like tae tak' ye tae the kirk, lassie,

Once ye hae the siller in yer pocket!

Till that bonny day ye ken fu' weel, lassie,

Ah'll no gie ye anything but love!

Mr. W. B. Luke, the Willesden magistrate (to a loquacious wife): "I begin to understand why your husband found it a little difficult to live with you. I certainly should."

A Willesden Applicant: When I called to see the woman my shadow was observed on the blind and a man came out and hit me on the nose.

Man at Kingston: There was another fellow walking with us, but there were only two of us together.

Telegram from defendant to the Acton Bench: Can't appear in time. Guilty.

Mr. Registrar Friend at Clerkenwell County Court: At the age of 59, a man ought to be proof against the blandishment of a young woman.

[One gets education in these days from one's children, says Lord Cotterel.]

"The child is father to the man" (The fact is worth impressing). And the man with children, keen and smart,

Can give the bachelor chaps a start in science, languages and art.

And leave them feebly guessing.

So, children, learn up all you can.

Be thorough and discerning!

It's up to you, my lucky lad.

To see your parent proud and glad.

And be the one to make your dad

A man of light and learning.

Frenchman (sternly, to fellow-countryman who has become a naturalised British subject): "What have you gained by becoming naturalised?"

The Other: "Well, in the first place, you see, I win the battle of Waterloo!"—From "Artists of the 1890's."

To-day's Dog Story.—"My young midshipman son (R.N.) writes a Parkstone resident, 'was the fond possessor of an unusually intelligent, and affectionate fox-terrier called Thistle, which he left with us during his absence on active service. This dog, with our own two fox-terriers, slept in a small room. In the night of July 9, 1917, shortly after midnight, a most peculiar, very loud, and agonised cry rang out in the house, so human that my husband and I took it to be illness or fright on the part of one of the maid-servants.'

"I hurried out to find them huddled in a group with scared faces. I asked what was the matter, and one said, 'It is not us, madam; it's Thistle.' Going to the dogs' room I found Thistle standing in the doorway shuddering violently, while the other dogs slept serenely in their baskets. I soothed him and returned to my room; but within a few minutes my husband and I were again startled by the same piercing almost-human shriek, and found Thistle standing in the same agitated condition as before. The following evening came the dread Admiralty telegram: 'Regret to inform you your son, Midshipman M., was accidentally killed last night.' Later we learned that H.M.S. Vanguard had been blown up at 11 p.m. on July 9th.

"Thistle had never before, and never afterwards, evinced such almost human and apparently causeless anguish. Can it be that some animals are clairvoyant?"

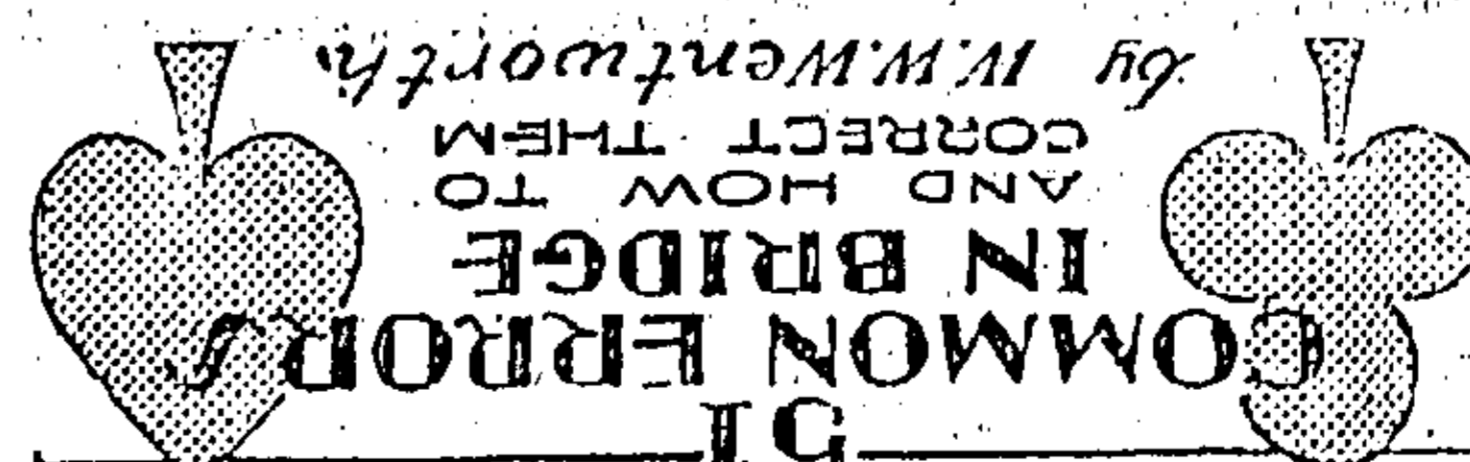
At a school recently resembled an interested parent asked the Head for an interpretation of the remark of one, Mr. X., on his son's report.

No member of the family could read it, and it had beaten all the guests at the Christmas party.

The Head failed to decipher the inscription, and finally sent for Mr. X. to solve the mystery.

"Must be more careful with his writing," was the solution.

The Samoan Dancers gave a very good performance in the Canton Club Theatre on Tuesday night before a large and appreciative audience. The various items, both dancing and singing were enthusiastically received and heartily enjoyed.



PLAYING LOW CARD ON WINNING TRICK AND BLOCKING SUIT

North (Dummy)—
♠ 8 5 2
♥ 10 4 3 2
♦ A Q
♣ 8 6 5

West—
Leads ♠ J

South (Declarer)—
♠ K J 4 3
♥ K J
♦ 8 4 2
♣ A K Q 8

The Bidding: South bids no trump and all pass.
Deciding the Play: West leads Jack of diamonds and trick is won

in Dummy with Queen of diamonds. How should Declarer plan his campaign to insure game?

The Error: Declarer plays 2 of hearts to King of hearts. Then Jack of hearts is led and 3 of hearts played from Dummy.

The Correct Method: Declarer is certain of making two diamond tricks, three club tricks and four heart tricks if hands are correctly played. Declarer should play 2 of hearts and overtake with King of hearts. Then he should play Jack of hearts and overtake with the Queen of hearts. After the Ace of hearts is forced the clubs will be winning tricks.

The Principle: Overtake one high card with another high card if necessary to prevent blocking.

DEATH OF LORD PHILLIMORE.

VETERAN ENGLISH LAWYER PASSES AWAY.

ACTIVE CAREER ENDS.

London, Mar. 13. The death is announced, at the age of 83 years, of Lord Phillimore, the veteran lawyer and former Lord Justice of Appeal.

Walter George Frank Phillimore was born in London in Nov., 1845, of a famous legal family and educated at Westminster School and Christ Church, Oxford, securing a first in Classical Moderations, in the final Classical School and in law and history. He was elected a Fellow of All Souls and in 1868 was called to the bar. A Liberal in politics, he contested St. George's Hanover Square and twice stood for South Oxfordshire.

In 1897, he was appointed a Judge of the King's Bench Division and in 1913 became a Lord Justice of Appeal, retiring in 1916. Two years later he was raised to the peerage as Baron Phillimore. From 1905 to 1908 he was President of the International Law Association and it was only last year that he travelled to Warsaw to take part in its annual conference.

He was an authority on international and ecclesiastical law on which he wrote standard works. A High Churchman and a leading member of the English Church Union he was formerly Chancellor of the Diocese of Lincoln.

A strong Free Trader and individualist, he did not believe in restrictions on rents, wages or prices. He held that people should be able to make their own free contracts, except those who could not protect themselves, such as factory girls. Convinced of the value of the League of Nations, he went out into the country to speak on its behalf even as an octogenarian. One of his books is entitled "Three Centuries of Treaties of Peace and their Teaching." His hobbies were woodcutting and gardening. He once helped Gladstone to cut down a tree and at the age of 80 was still using axe and saw.

The heir to the title is the Hon. Geoffrey Walter Phillimore, formerly a Captain in the Highland Light Infantry. He served in the Great War, was wounded and taken a prisoner.

PIRACY ECHO.

GOVERNOR TO UNVEIL TABLET.

We are asked to state that His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to unveil the memorial tablet, erected by the Hongkong Government in St. Peter's Church, West Point, to the memory of Mr. Robert Black, late Chief Engineer of the s.s. Kowloon, who was murdered by pirates in the West River on 1st September, 1927.

The dedicatory service will take place on Wednesday, 20th inst. at 11 a.m. and it is hoped that all seafarers who can possibly do so will make a point of being present.

Wreaths should be at the Church by 10.30 a.m.

It has been arranged that, after the service in the Church, a party will proceed to the Protestant Cemetery to deposit wreaths, which may be brought to the Church for that purpose, on the tombstones erected by the Hongkong Government to the memory of Mr. Harry Conway, late Chief Officer of the s.s. San Nam Hoi, who was murdered by pirates in the West River on 17th January, 1928.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Mar. 13.	124.20 1/2
Paris	34.5
Brussels	12.12
Amsterdam	20.46
Berlin	18.21
Copenhagen	34.65 1/2
Vienna	103
Helsingfors	108 3/16
Lisbon	81 1/2
Bucharest	47 1/2
Buenos Aires	2.63 1/2
Shanghai	1.10 1/32
Yokohama	4.85 15/32
New York	26.24
Geneva	32.00 1/2
Milan	18.17
Stockholm	18.20
Oslo	164
Prague	32.34 1/2
Madrid	375
Athens	57
Rio	1.75 31/32
Bombay	1.11 1/2
Hongkong	25
Silver (Spot)	26 1/16
Silver (Forward)	

Yesterday's health return shows five further cases of small-pox and one of typhoid. All were Chinese.

FAMOUS INDIAN PHILOSOPHER.

DR. RABINDRANATH TAGORE DUE TO-MORROW.

ON WAY TO CANADA.

Hongkong will be interested to learn that the famous Indian poet and philosopher, Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, will pass through the Colony on his way to Canada and the United States.

Dr. Tagore is coming here by the P. and O. s.s. Naldern, which is due to arrive to-morrow morning. The exact length of his stay in Hongkong is not known, but it is understood that he will be here for a few days, and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rutledge, at Rutton Building, Duddell Street.

When news was received that Dr. Tagore would pass through Hongkong, the Indian community considered a scheme to welcome their famous compatriot, but nothing has been definitely settled.

Dr. Tagore was born in Bengal in 1861 and comes of a family of notable men. He began his literary work very early; at the age of 14 he had already published his first book of poems. In 1878, he went to London to study law, but soon returned to India and lived for a time in Calcutta.

In 1885, he succeeded to his father's property and gave himself up entirely to his poetry and his philosophical ideas, producing 30 books of poems and 38 prose works all in the Bengali language. The majority of these he has himself translated into English and some of his writings have since been published in various languages. Among them may be mentioned "The Gardener," "The Waning Moon," "Nationalism," (1917), "Home and Hearth" (1919), "The Wreck" (1921) and the novel "Gora" (1923).

In 1913 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature and has made frequent visits to Europe, Japan and the United States. He is the founder of Shantiniketan, an abode of peace, which he established at Bolpur in 1901. This is a school run on unconventional lines and he aims at enlarging it into a university to deal with every branch of Eastern culture. His Nobel Prize (£8,000) went to further this scheme.

Dr. Tagore is not a stranger to Hongkong, his last visit here being in July 1924. It will be recalled that he was welcomed here by the Indian community, on whose behalf Mr. M. P. Talati read an address of welcome.

FINGER-PRINTS CAUSE CONVICTION.

CHINESE GETS FINE AND IMPRISONMENT.

The master of a cargo boat, who pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of being in possession of about 18 gallons of Chinese wine, was this morning fined \$500 and two months' hard labour by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court.

The defendant yesterday, pleaded guilty to the charge, but denied that he had been previously arrested and convicted of a similar offence.

Inspector Vincent, Officer in charge of the Finger Prints Office, gave evidence that the defendant was brought before the Magistrate on March 15 last year when defendant, who was legally represented, was convicted and fined.

A Chinese Revenue Officer stated that he arrested the defendant on March 15 last year when defendant, who was legally represented, was convicted and fined.

The defendant denied his previous conviction, but his Worship accepted the evidence of the finger-print expert. Chief Preventive Officer Clarke said he had been instructed to ask for the maximum fine of \$1,000, as well as imprisonment. A fine of \$500 did not seem to act as a deterrent, added the officer. His Worship remarked that he thought the maximum penalty too severe and fined the defendant \$500, or four months' hard labour in default, and a further two months' imprisonment with hard labour in addition. The boat and wine were ordered to be confiscated.

The total number of motor vehicles registered in the Philippines so far this year is 27,489, of which more than 14,000 are privately owned cars, 2,768 garage cars, and 2,702 passenger trucks, including motorbuses operating under certificate of the public service commission. Public works officials believe that the year's figure will near the 30,000 mark.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Canton Water Works.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Allow me the courtesy of your columns to put before the public the full circumstances surrounding a recent act of the Canton Municipal Government which, at the time of its perpetration, aroused the most intense resentment on the part of those who suffered by it, and is still a sore point with the Canton public.

I refer to the forcible seizure of the Canton Water Works Company, a purely private concern, on January 10th last.

Let me hasten to explain at the outset that I am not imbued with communistic taint, nor is this an outburst against the present regime for political purposes.

On January 10th, officers of the Municipal Government presented themselves at the premises of the Water Works Company and demanded that all records and funds of the Company be handed over to them; in other words, they demanded full control of the Company and its business. The ultimatum was given that everything was to be surrendered within one hour's time. The officers were accompanied by armed forces and the company's men had no option, in view of the display of force, but to submit. The reason given for the seizure was that the company had failed to provide an efficient service for the public.

I do not propose to review the controversy that had gone on for some time previously over the alleged inefficient functioning of the Waterworks, but will mention that the company, with a plant designed to care for the needs of 10,000 families, are now called upon to supply water to fully four times this number. This so-called "inefficiency" is the root cause of the whole trouble.

After the lapse of six weeks from the time of the seizure, the Municipal Government announces that it will appoint a commission to assess the value of the plant, the commission to consist of four government men and but one representative of the shareholders, and another one represents the General Chamber of Commerce. Such a preponderant majority in favour of the Government renders the appointment of the commission a farce pure and simple, and naturally the shareholders refused to agree to such a board being formed.

The Waterworks Company, as far as we all know, is a private business undertaking with a capital of \$2,750,000, but apart from the talk of setting up an arbitration board, nothing has been done to pay the shareholders for their property, and as far as can be seen, the unfortunate subscribers will whistle in vain for their money.

These two points, (1) valuation of the assets by arbitration, and (2) indefinite delay in making any move towards repaying the shareholders, form a direct reversal of a previous action of the government, when, in 1915, they compelled the shareholders to find the sum of \$750,000 to buy the interest of the government in the Company. It is also necessary here to explain that the Waterworks Company was started as a semi-government enterprise, some of the capital being furnished by the government and the majority by the public. In 1915 (when the government sold out its shares, compelling the public to buy same) it also laid down the flat that money was to be found within ten

HONGKONG ARREST RUMOURS.

MANILA STORY OF CAPTURE OF EMBEZZLER.

SECRET SERVICE OUT.

Manila, Mar. 11.

Neither Joseph L. Wilson, convicted embezzler in the Peson 200,000 San Carlos Milling Company case, nor Chief John Nevins of the Manila secret service was on board the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Asia when she arrived in Manila yesterday morning.

More than the usual number of people waited at the pier for the ship's arrival. Most of them sought to catch a glimpse of the famous Wilson. But they met with disappointment.

Officials on the Empress boat reported receiving an irritating number of radiograms from Manila while the steamer was en route from Hongkong. All the messages inquired if Wilson or Nevins was on board and asked what arrangements had been made for taking Wilson off the ship in Manila.

Officers of the Asia in every case emphatically denied having either of them on the ship and denied having ever heard of them until the ship had left Hongkong.

The misleading rumour of Wilson's capture in Hongkong is understood to have been received by officials in Manila from Chinese sources in Canton.

Under the compulsion of force, there is nothing for it but to obey, and the money was stumped out!

Despite the injustice, shareholders do not wish to oppose the Municipal authority more than they can help, and are willing to have the company taken over, but they ask, in all fairness, that they be paid the full value of the assets of the company, the value to be assessed by an independent, impartial board of arbitrators, or if so wished, by a board of two officials and two shareholders and a fifth man to be elected according to majority opinion of these four. The report of this board of arbitrators is to be considered final and binding on both the government and shareholders, and cash is to be paid without delay. So far the Government has refused to consider this proposal, but insists that four members of the board are to be its nominees, leaving one member only for the shareholders to elect.

A third alternative has been put forward by the shareholders and that is that should the government be unable at the present moment to find the funds to pay for the company, the control and management given back to the shareholders' representatives and directors. In view of the complaints of inefficiency, they suggest that the government appoint a supervisor to sit on the board, and also suggest that after a period, if the company do not show improvement in the operation of the water supply service, they would be willing to have the government take over the company, provided, of course, that cash is paid for the shares, to be valued by an impartial commission.

The government has turned a deaf ear to all these proposals and sits tight in the control of the waterworks.

A spice of comedy is introduced into the affair by the solid manner (Continued on Next Column)

MALAYAN RUBBER MERGER.

FOUR COMPANIES LIKELY TO JOIN FORCES.

CONNEMARA UNITED.

The Straits Times announces the proposed amalgamation of four leading rubber companies in Malaya, the conclusion of which will form one of the biggest combines of its kind in the country.

The companies concerned are the Allenby Rubber Co., Ltd., the Balgownie Rubber Estates, Ltd., Connemara, Ltd., and the Kundong Rubber Estate, Ltd., and the directors of each company have submitted proposals for amalgamation to their shareholders.

The new company, if formed, will be called Connemara United, Ltd., and the first directors will be Mr. Eric Macfadyen, Mr. R. C. M. Kindersley and Mr. C. Ritchie.

Under the scheme shareholders of Kundong on the register on May 7, 1929, will receive 553,740 shares of 2s. each. In Connemara United, Ltd., being in the proportion of 2,636 Connemara United shares for every \$1 Kundong share.

It is estimated that, after defraying all the costs of the amalgamation and the liquidation of the old companies, the new company will have cash and liquid working capital amounting to \$32,000, or, after making provision for bringing the immature areas into bearing and the cost of other necessary capital expenditure, \$11,000, to which must be added the profits earned by the old companies for the period from Jan. 1 to the completion of the amalgamation, these being profits prior to incorporation which will not be available for distribution.

After amalgamation, the combined area will be 6,550 acres, of which 5,534 acres are planted. The cost per planted acre in relation to the issued capital will be approximately \$15, so that having regard to present market values the shares of the new company can be expected to go to a substantial premium. The planted area includes approximately 1,000 acres of immature rubber of the Balgownie and Connemara companies, which give prospects of excellent yields as they are planted with selected material and a proportion of the trees is budgeted from approved clones. The amalgamation will be considered at a meeting of Kundong Estates, Ltd., to be held on May 7, thus giving all shareholders in Malaya and abroad an ample opportunity of considering the scheme.

In which the government officials are carrying on the management exactly as it has been run before. They are content to do just what the erstwhile directors had been doing, making no attempt to change the old routine—yet the professed reason for taking over the company was the "inefficiency" of the management. One is profoundly impressed at the manner in which "inefficiency" vanishes into thin air without any alterations or reforms, just merely through officialdom invading the premises.

In thus grabbing the private company the government has apparently failed to pay due regard to a very serious aspect, that arises as a result of its action. A precedent is established and no private industrial and commercial enterprise is safe from its tentacles. Rosy pictures are painted by propaganda to induce overseas Chinese to return and invest money in China and help the development of native industry. But, with humble deference to the superior intelligence of officialdom, we beg to point out that grabbing tactics such as was displayed in connexion with the waterworks company does not hold out much assurance for the sanctity of private property; on the contrary, such action will operate to keep overseas Chinese, with their capital and surplus funds, away from China.

All that the shareholders ask for is fairness and justice, and unless China's leaders sit up and take notice and see that justice is meted out with an impartial hand, they will find China's liquid resources leaving the country in a steady stream. Already many of Canton's rich merchants are investing all their money in the lawless colony of Hongkong, and doubtless many more will be following suit unless the Canton government displays genuine fairness and good faith to gain the confidence of the public.

It behoves those who have the interest of Canton and her people at heart, like Marshal Li Chai-sum, General Chan Ming-shu, Mr. Sun Fo, Mr. Hu Han-min, Mr. T. V. Soong, Dr. Wang Chung-wei, etc., to take note of this injustice and institute steps to rectify it before the confidence of the people in their government is completely destroyed.—Yours, etc.,

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PONIES AUCTIONED.

PUBLIC RUMP AT JOCKEY CLUB STABLES.

A number of race ponies were auctioned yesterday afternoon at the Jockey Club Stables at Causeway Bay, there being a large gathering of racing enthusiasts, owners and jockeys, to watch the proceedings.

Unlike former years, the bidding was brisk in every case and no animal went for less than \$75, against \$45 and \$10 paid for animals in the past. The late Mr. H. P. White's griffin, San Francisco, fetched the best price, Mr. A. Kinch of the Jockey Club bidding \$325 for him. Sztatmar, another of Mr. White's ponies, a sub at this season, fetched the next highest price, Mr. Ho Ki saying \$500 for this animal. Dark Eyes, which won a race last Saturday, fetched \$550, Mr. T. E. Pearce being the purchaser. Tarmendiam received only one bid of \$500 and was knocked down at that price. The Duke of Melrose, a griffin of this season, went to Mr. O. Kitchell for \$300.

Other animals which obtained good prices were Mongolian Stag, which went to Mr. L. Reidy for \$350, and King's Parade, which changed hands at \$350. A chestnut thoroughbred mare was knocked down for \$350.

The following is a complete list of the ponies auctioned and the prices which each animal fetched:

Name.	Price.
San Francisco	\$325
Sztatmar	\$500
Dark Eyes	\$550
Tarmendiam	\$500
Mongolian Stag	\$500
King's Parade	\$350
Chestnut thoroughbred	\$350
Duke of Melrose	\$300
Fat Choy	\$200
The Jungle Book	\$195
Inc	\$180
Twilight Eve	\$135
Sunny Day	\$130
Chicot	\$109
Bay Heret	\$105
Bacelo	\$105
The Farmer	\$100
Pumelo	\$100
Nestor	\$100
The Haugh	\$100
Silver Stag	\$100
Geep Jade	\$100
Shella	\$95
Buff Jacket	\$95
Nero	\$90
Civility	\$90
Madcap	\$90
Loch Tay	\$90
Eclipse Eve	\$85
Ole Man River	\$85
Samaritan	\$80
Marcus	\$80
Rony Day	\$75
Spark Plug	\$75
Gold Stag	\$75

WATSON SHIELD SEMI-FINAL.

H.M.S. SEAMEW DEFEAT H.M.S. CICALA.

As was expected, H.M.S. Seamew had no difficulty in defeating H.M.S. Cicala in the semi-final of the Watson Shield on Tuesday on the Shamen football ground, by three goals to nil. It was a good game to watch, though it was remarkable for the large number of penalties awarded, both sides handling the ball considerably and, sometimes, deliberately.

The first goal was cleverly put in by the Seamew about half way through the first half; the second was the result of a penalty kick just in front of the Cicala goal just before half-time.

Shortly after resuming, another penalty kick was awarded to H.M.S. Seamew just in front of the Cicala goal and they again scored, bringing the total to three nil.

The Seamew were obviously the superior team throughout and might have scored considerably more had it not been for the two Cicala backs, who both played an excellent game.

The final, between the Shamen Sports Club and H.M.S. Seamew, will be played off to-day (Thursday) on the Shamen Football ground.

CRICKET.

KOWLOON C.C. TEAM TO MEET HONGKONG C.C.

The following will represent the K.C.C. in their match against the Hongkong C.C. on the latter's ground on Saturday—W. Brace (Captain), A. W. Ramsey, E. C. Fincher, E. C. Fincher, G. A. A. Rumjohn (Capt.), F. E. Lawrence, Capt. Velder, J. J. Hirst, S. Jox and H. Gregory.

The following will represent the University 1st XI in a League match against the Royal Artillery on Saturday, at 2 p.m. sharp, on the home ground—A. A. Rumjohn (Capt.), F. L. Zimmer, D. K. Samy, D. Liang, L. T. Ride, A. P. Gutierrez, C. W. Lam, S. V. Gittins, E. A. Lee, A. T. Lee and D. J. N. Anderson.

SHIELD FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the Kowloon 1st XI against the Chinese Athletic on The Hongkong Football Club ground on Saturday, the 16th. Instant, kick-off at 4.30 p.m.—Angus; Guest, Pile; Dowman, Basterbrook, Bliss; Eastman, Hedley; Moran, McKelvie and Miles. Reserves: Spary and Hast.

FORGED WATER RECEIPTS.

FIRST OFFENDER GETS OFF LIGHTLY.

The case against Wong Yung-shing, charged with uttering forged water receipts and fraudulently demanding payment on these from the owners of the s.s. Hydrangea, again came up before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning.

Four charges were presented against the accused in connexion with the presentation of ten vouchers alleged to bear the forged signatures of Mr. H. L. Pett and Mr. A. Langenberg, Second Officer and Second Engineer of the Hydrangea respectively. On these documents, the accused was stated to have sought payment of a sum of \$433 for water supplied to Hydrangea.

Mr. F. H. Loseby, for the defence, said he was instructed to plead guilty to the charges and, in an application for leniency, pointed out that the accused was illiterate, and was only party to an offence of which another man was the principal. Mr. Loseby also mentioned that his client had already been several weeks in custody.

Mr. G. G. N. Tinson said the view of the prosecution was that restitution having been made to the satisfaction of the complainants, and they agreeing that accused was illiterate and not the prime mover in the case, he should be treated as a first offender and be dealt with leniently.

His Worship accordingly bound over the accused as a first offender, warning him that he would be called up for judgment should the necessity arise.

MADAME 'X'S' LIPS SEALED BY DEATH.

ATTACK BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANT.

London, Feb. 11. Mrs. Kate Jackson, who gave evidence as "Madame X" in a notable trial at the Old Bailey in 1927, died in Swansea Hospital yesterday from injuries inflicted by an unknown assailant outside her bungalow, at Limeside Bay, on Monday.

She became worse on Saturday night, and early yesterday her condition became so grave that the Chief Constable made arrangements to have her dying depositions taken.

A magistrate was summoned, but Mrs. Jackson died almost as soon as he arrived, having made no statement to clear up the mystery.

Mr. Jackson, a Swansea fish hawk, was present at his wife's deathbed.

Scotland Yard have been assisting the Swansea police in tracing Mrs. Jackson before she came to live at Swansea.

It is stated they have discovered that she lived at Farnborough (Hants) and at Ash Vale, Aldershot.

Mrs. Jackson was found unconscious at the door of her bungalow at 10 p.m. last Monday.

Motor Heard.

A neighbour who had just left her heard a scream, but no one appears to have been seen in the vicinity, though it was said a motor-car was dimly seen leaving the road below.

At this spot, however, it is a frequent occurrence for motor-cars to leave for Swansea after a short run to the bay. It is thought that Mrs. Jackson was struck with a bottle which was found broken near the body.

Mrs. Jackson gave evidence at the trial of George William Harrison, secretary of the National Association of Coopers, who is now serving a sentence of five years' penal servitude for embezzling over £19,000.

Harrison alleged he had given Mrs. Jackson money, and in court Mrs. Jackson (described in the early part of the trial as "Madame X") said she had received about £8,000, thinking it was Harrison's own money.

She is said to have recently received some anonymous letters.

NO SECRET PAC'S.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN'S ASSURANCE.

London, Mar. 13. In the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, replying to a question, said the Government had made no agreement with any foreign country since 1918 for mutual defence, or for other purposes of which Parliament had not been advised, or which had not been deposited with the League of Nations—British Wireless.

APPEARING AT QUEEN'S.



Sam Ku West and the Paradise Harmony Boys now playing at the Queen's Theatre.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

CABLED QUOTATIONS OF AMERICAN STOCKS.

The following quotations as at the close of the market on Wednesday have been received from their correspondents, Messrs. Hayden, Stone and Co., of New York by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, Sassoon House, Shanghai, (cable address "Swanstock" Shanghai), who are not responsible for cable mutilations. These quotations are subject to confirmation.

Chrysler Corp (Common)	107
Eastman Kodak (Common)	183
General Motors (Common)	82
Goodrich (R.F.)	91
Granby Consolidated	90
International Cement (Common)	92
International Products Corp. (Common)	89
Liggett & Meyers "B"	22
Madison Square Garden	81
Missouri Pacific (Common)	81
Nevada Consolidated Copper	58
Radio Corporation of America (Common)	407
Southern Pacific	120
United States Leather "A"	120
Vacuum Oil	120
Missing	

DOG-OWNER FINED.

THOUGHT POLICE SERGEANT WAS THIEF.

"Have we reached the dog stage yet?" queried Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith of the Court interpreter at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court when his Worship desired to know whether the time for hearing dog summonses had arrived.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared to represent an elderly Chinese lady of Lee Garden, Kowloon City. The defendant was charged with allowing two dogs to be abroad without muzzles outside the garden.

The defence was a complete denial that the dogs had been outside the garden.

One witness, in giving evidence, said that just after feeding the animals she suddenly saw a European sergeant standing behind her in the garden. She immediately called out "Thief!" (laughter) and other inmates arrived on the scene.

His Worship convicted and fined the defendants \$10.

VICTIM OF HOTEL FIRE.

MR. ENOS SETH'S FUNERAL THIS EVENING.

The body recovered from the ruins of the King Edward Hotel late on Tuesday night was yesterday identified as that of Mr. Enos Seth. Notice of death has been formally announced and the funeral has been arranged to take place this afternoon, passing the Monument at 5.15.

The remains were recovered from the top floor of the King Edward Hotel and were in such a condition that identification was difficult. Definite identification was made yesterday afternoon; Mr. Seth's room boy recognising the pattern of the unfortunate man's pyjamas, a bit of which was left intact. The room boy in question also recognised some black cloth as the lining of Mr. Seth's overcoat.

The death roll of the fire now numbers ten. The search among the debris continued throughout yesterday, but no trace of further bodies was found.

BETTER WEATHER.

The anticyclone is now central near Shanghai. A deep depression is central over N. E. Japan. Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea. The Observatory forecast till noon to-morrow is—N. E. winds, moderate; overcast at first, improving later.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1290 s.
Chartered Bank, \$212 b.
Morcelant & B, \$24 n.
P. and O. \$191 n.
East Asia \$90 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$695 n.
Union Ins., \$388 n.
North China Ins., \$160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$2.20 b.
China Fire, \$28 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$800 s.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$361 n.
H. K. Steamships, \$27.50 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$24 b.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$92 n.
Union Waterboats, \$221 b.

Mining.

Benguet, \$2.70 b.
Kailash, 70/- n.
Lan Kau, \$1.14 b.
Shai Exploration, \$1.00 s.
Kaibis, \$7.10
Tronols, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$1261 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$401 n.
China Provident, \$485 s.
Tongkows, \$1.161 b.
New Engineerings, \$1.51 n.
Shanghai Docks, \$1.161 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, \$1.340 s.
Oriental, \$1.2 n.
Shai Cottons, \$1.70 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.10 n.
H. K. Lands, \$631 b.
Shai Lands, \$1.169 b.
Humphreys, \$14 b.
Realities, \$8.60 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$19 s.
Peak Tram, (old) \$13 s.
Star Ferries, \$681 n.
China Lights, (old) \$131 s.
H. K. Electric, \$551 b.
Macao Electric, \$161 n.
Telephones, \$71 n.
China Buses, \$11.75 n.
Singapore Tractions, 11/6 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$1.10 s.
Malabon, \$30 b.
Canton Iron, \$2 s.
Cements (Comb.), \$9.10 b.
Ropes (Old) \$71 b.
United Asbestos \$1 n.

Stores etc.

Dairy Farms, \$201 s.
Watson, \$14 b.
Dor A. Wing, \$80 b.
Lane Crawfords, \$21 n.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sinceres, \$101 b.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$26 s.
Constructions, \$1.25 s.
B'quo Ind. U. Bonds, \$661%
H.K.G. Loan \$1 s. Prem. Interest.

The local office of the Chartered Bank has received the following telegram from its Head Office in London:—"At the approaching meeting of shareholders, Directors will recommend dividend for past half year at the rate of 14% per annum free of Income Tax and a bonus of 6/3 per share free of Income Tax, \$40,000 set aside to meet contingencies, \$186,656.3.0 carried forward."

The Pope's Physician Pays Strong Tribute of Praise To Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Many physicians prescribe Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People to their patients when tonic treatment is indicated. No less an authority than Dr. Andrea Amici, physician to the Papal household, writing on the subject of anemia, impoverishment of the nervous system and disorders attributable thereto, strongly endorses Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, recommending them as superior to many other tonic media.

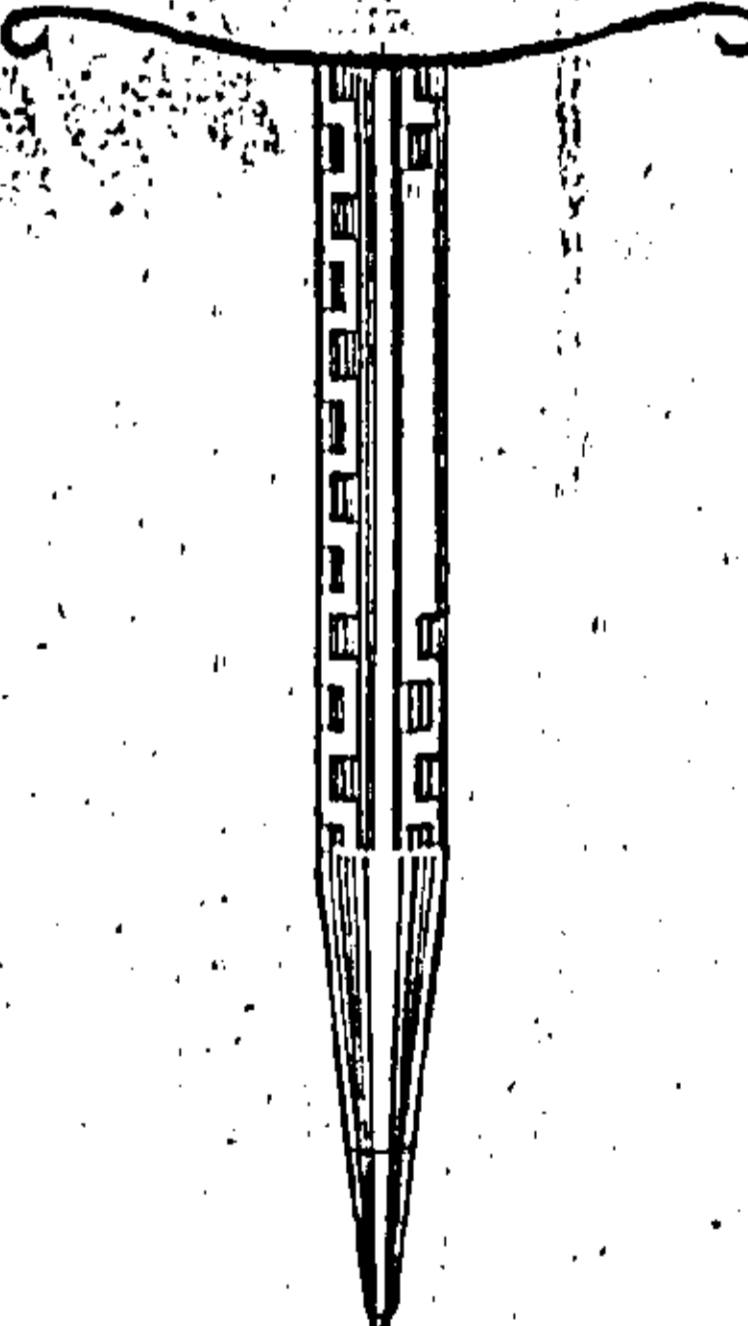
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CHAPTER XXIX.

"I think," Hollis Hart told her grimly, "I'd murder him."
Ashforth shivered.
"Not really?" she cried, and laughed a little nervously.
"Yes, really," he assured her. "And that, my dear, is why a man like me should never marry a girl like you."
Her colour mounted. She saw his eyes on her satin jacket. And gathered the dressing gown across her chest, clutching it with one hand.

"I—I think," she said, "that my clothes are dry now. I'll go and dress."

"I'll walk up with you," he offered.

She tripped on the roof of a great tree that ran across the ground like a big grey snake. He caught her arm and held her for a moment against him.

"I am afraid," he said, "that I am beginning to love you—very much, Orchid."

She was silent, not knowing what to say. Fearful, perhaps, of spoiling the magic of the moment. She felt him tremble, as his arm closed across her shoulders.

"One more kiss," he begged. "One little kiss, and nothing more."

She raised her lips. And wondered if he was going to ask to marry her.

He left her on the gallery. And when she had gone to her room he called for a whisky and soda. After he had finished it he went to the garden. She could see him from her window, as she dressed, walking restlessly about.

"It has been a perfect week," she told herself. "I wonder if this is the end."

The boat, on its return trip, was putting in next day. In the morning. This, then, would be her last night in the little house on the mountain. Her last night under Hollis Hart's roof.

Very early in the day they would breakfast, as usual, together. Then the groom would bring the horses around and they would ride down the mountain side to the little village that nestled at the foot of the hills. The cruise ship would be riding the waves. They would put out in a little native boat. And Hollis would see her safely aboard.

She wondered if he would go aboard with her. Or if he would leave her to face the women who had snubbed her and Mona so cruelly. Well, they'd have something to talk about now—those women! She'd spent a week with a man in a house on the top of the mountain. His house. She had gone there of her own free will. And stayed there. And now she'd thrust her folly in their faces!

"Orchid! Oh, Orchid!" Hollis was calling her. "Coming!" she cried.

He had gathered an armful of butterfly orchids and was waiting for her in the garden. She noticed how gently he handled them, and with what care he touched their tender petals.

"I shall never see another orchid," he said, "without being reminded, my dear, of you."

"They're beautiful," she answered, "but I don't know why they make you think of me, Hollis."

"Now you're looking for compliments," he told her. "But, seriously, every adjective that I should think of applying to an orchid I should apply also to your charming self."

Ashforth smiled self-consciously. "What are they?" she demanded.

He held his flowers off, and studied them with his head on one side.

"Well," he said, "did you ever see such fastidious blossoms in your life? Such exquisite, perfectly modelled creations. So cool and remote..."

"Oh, my goodness!" she cried. "You're funny, Hollis! I'm not any more like an orchid than I'm like a sunflower, or a modest little violet. Or a skunk cabbage, for that matter."

"Oh, yes, you are," he assured her gravely. "You are my Orchid-girl. A sunflower, indeed! I'll not have you defaming yourself, my dear."

She laughed gaily. "You're a silly old darling," she told him.

He chose the most perfect blossom from his armful and gave it to her.

"Your darling untouchedness is like this flower," he said. "No browsing bee has bruised its little heart. Nor gipsy wind caressed its charms."

Ashforth buried her nose in the orchid's chalice. She wondered if he really meant it.

Hollis was looking at her so reverently that she was profoundly touched. "Darling, untouchedness..." Well, it was a sweet thought.
"You say the nicest things," she approved. "I believe I'll miss another boat, so that you can go on saying them."
She darted a quick glance at him, to see the effect of her suggestion. If only he would urge her to stay! With a little more time—a little more "starlight"—a little more of being so maddeningly close to each other—then Ashforth believed she could wring from him the declaration for which she longed.

But Hollis shook his head. "Heaven," he said, "has let me dream for a whole week. Now it is time to wake."

"But why wake?" she cried. "We pay for our dreams in waking out of them. Why can't we go on dreaming?"

He smiled ruefully. "Life," he told her gently, "isn't like that. Dreams are only interludes."

"Well, it's been lovely," she sighed. "But it's going to be perfectly hideous, trying to put it all behind me. To go on being a stenographer. And live in a poky little flat. And take dictation, and pound a typewriter all day. And go to bed all night. And never see the stars except over the top of the buildings."

"Poor working girl!" he taunted. "With nothing ahead. But life..."

"Life!" she scorned. "What's life, when you spend it the way I have to?"

"Oh, you'll find your stars," he consoled her. "And love, in other gardens. You're very young, you know, Orchid, and very beautiful."

He put his hand on her head in fatherly fashion. And then kissed her and felt the sting of tears on his bewildered lips.

"Why, Orchid!" he cried. "It's nothing," she insisted, and brushed her eyes hastily. "I get so sorry for myself sometimes—that's all."

"Sorry!" he echoed. "Why, you adorable little simpleton, don't you know that you ought to go around singing psalms of joy, just because you're alive, with all life stretching like a great adventure ahead of you?"

"There's no adventure," she told him, "in being poor."

"Well, there's a lot more than in being rich," he maintained. "Being rich now is an awful bore. When you can have everything you want, you know, you don't want things."

"And have you everything you want?" she asked.

He looked at her quietly. "Everything," he said, "that money can buy."

"I suppose," she mused, "money has absolute purchasing power. With money you can buy power, position, leisure, enjoyment, love, even."

She was treading on dangerous ground, and she knew it.

"Yes," she repeated slowly. "A man could buy perfect love, I imagine."

She sat on a little hillock, and drew her knees up under her chin. "Sit down," she invited, "and tell me what a cold-blooded, hard-boiled, wicked woman I am."

"I would," he said, "if I thought you meant it. But I know you're altogether too idealistic to believe that sort of thing. Love, Orchid, is the one commodity that cannot be bartered and sold."

She looked across the mountains to the ocean, shimmering in glorious haze.

"Oh, I know," she cried. "I'm a perfect little beast! But you don't know what it is, Hollis, to long for beauty with every fiber of your being—and have to put up with ugliness. To worship the lovely things that wealth can buy—and live with poverty. I tell you, I don't blame girls who put a higher value on beauty and luxury than the sacredness of their poor, shabby bodies."

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SOLICITOR'S DOUBT.

IS INDO-CHINA A FRENCH POSSESSION?

The case against Chan Hong-chun, the Halphong Chinese whose extradition is applied for on a charge of committing an offence against the bankruptcy laws of Indo-China, was continued before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

For the prisoner, Mr. F. H. Loseby, in his final address, commenced by criticising the extraordinary delay to which the proceedings had been subjected owing to the change-over from one charge to another by the authorities who were asking for the extradition of the fugitive.

The fugitive, continued Mr. Loseby, had been kept in custody since December last, as one adjournment was made after another, and all that while he had this charge hanging over his head. Much time had been wasted over the case, and Mr. Loseby said that his instructions now were to shorten these proceedings as much as possible by refraining from arguing many points which had been brought up from time to time in the course of the proceedings.

One point, however, which the Crown appeared to have overlooked as a preliminary matter of essential importance, was how far the proceedings could come within the jurisdiction of the Court, seeing that the Extradition Treaty under which the return of the fugitive to Halphong was being sought was between France and England, and not one between Indo-China and England. He was informed on very good authority, that Tonkin in which the place of the alleged offence was situated, was not a French possession, but merely a protectorate in which juridical matters of this kind were still vested with the King of Annam. There was no extradition treaty made between Annam and England that he knew of, and the existing Treaty consequently had no application to the present case.

Decision on Saturday.

Concerning the status of Indo-China, Mr. Fitzroy humorously referred to the word *egalite* in the Republican motto which headed all the official papers received from Halphong, as an evidence of the equality of the things coming within the cognizance of the Republic.

Mr. Loseby went on to say that having started the present proceedings on what appeared to be a bad principle, the Crown was bound to go on with it, and stand or fall by such procedure. He also argued on the responsibility of the fugitive in the affairs of the firm and said that it had still to be proved that he was more than the Manager, that in point of fact, that he was the principal of the firm before his liability in bankruptcy could be questioned. Otherwise it might be shown that the alleged offence was one outside the province of that particular law by virtue of which his extradition was being asked for.

His Worship intimated that he would require time to consider his decision, and he adjourned the case until Saturday morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EXPENSIVE "BRANDY"

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—A few days ago a lady was accosted by a pedlar who had for sale two bottles of Hennessy's Three Star Brandy at \$2.00 each. The price was tempting enough and with a view to effecting economy the purchase was made. Next day a bottle was opened and it was found to contain tea, the colour of which closely resembles that of brandy. On close comparison with a bottle of genuine Hennessy everything seemed identical with the exception that the dud bottle bore:

1. No Government Excise Label.
2. A Neck label which appears to have been forged.
3. A lead cap cover slightly thinner than the original.

It was ascertained yesterday that quite a few people had already been deceived by this artful cheat.

It is hoped that the unwary will now be on their guard and perhaps be the means of bringing this trickster to justice.—Yours, etc., G. G.

[People who buy brandy from street pedlars must expect to receive either adulterated or stolen brandy.—E.G.]

STREET INCIDENT.

PEDESTRIAN WOUNDED BY SHANGHAI GUNMAN.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 13. Disregarding the proclamation recently issued by the authorities warning the public against the risk of serious accident in the event of street incidents between the police and robber and kidnapping bands, a Chinese pedestrian, instead of taking cover, ran into the direct line of fire during a street duel and was seriously wounded by a gunman's bullet.

Thus, curiosity was responsible for the first casualty since the warning was issued.

MEXICAN REVOLT.

REBEL GENERAL SHOT.

Mexico City, Mar. 13. The rebel leader, General Simon Aguirre, has been court-martialled and shot.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Chinese in Rebel Districts.

Washington, Mar. 12. The Chinese Legation in Mexico City has requested the good offices of the American Government on behalf of the Chinese in the districts occupied by the rebels, notably Chihuahua, Tlaxcala and Mazatlan.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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LAWN TENNIS.

FINCHERS MAKE PROGRESS IN THE DOUBLES.

One of the most interesting matches played in the Club tournament yesterday was that between the Finchers and Leonard and Bodiker. The game attracted a large number of spectators who saw a clever exhibition of tennis on both sides. The Finchers had little cause to extend themselves in the first set, which they took at 6-2, but they lost the second and had a hard fight for the third before taking it at 8-6.

Leading by five games to one in the fourth set, victory was assured but they let their opponents take another game before they won. The full results of yesterday's play are given below.

Open Doubles.—L. Goldman and J. S. McEnchran beat A. D. Humphreys and R. K. Valentine 6-2, 6-1, 6-4; E. F. and E. C. Fincher beat J. W. Leonard and D. Bodiker 6-2, 4-6, 8-6, 6-2.

Handicap Singles "A."—O. E. C. Martin beat O. C. Womack 6-5, 7-5. Handicap Singles "B."—A. C. L. Bowker beat P. E. Barker 6-1, 6-3.

To-day's Matches.

The following matches are scheduled for to-day:
Handicap Singles "A."—A. Piercy v. C. H. Bradley; L. Forster v. W. A. Novora.

Open Championship Singles.—E. C. Fincher v. R. M. Henderson, Luk Ding-cheung v. S. A. Rumsdahl.

Handicap Doubles.—H. J. Armstrong and J. G. Lawrie v. A. Reid and J. A. Summers; H. Graves and C. L. Sanders v. G. N. de Man and C. Stigter; R. P. Moodie and M. D. Scott v. C. W. E. Bishop and W. Woodward.

Club Championship.—G. W. Sewell and R. K. Valentine.

Mixed Doubles.—E. R. Price and Miss Moffatt v. Col. and Mrs. Wynt.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER.

BORDERERS EASY WIN OVER PETERSFIELD.

Playing in the United Services competition on the Navy ground at Happy Valley yesterday, the K.O.S.B. defeated H.M.S. Petersfield by the margin of six clear goals.

The sailors opened strongly, but failed against a sound defence. The K.O.S.B. maintained a steady pressure, and Crawley opened the score. Before the interval, the naval defence cracked up and Stephens scored twice.

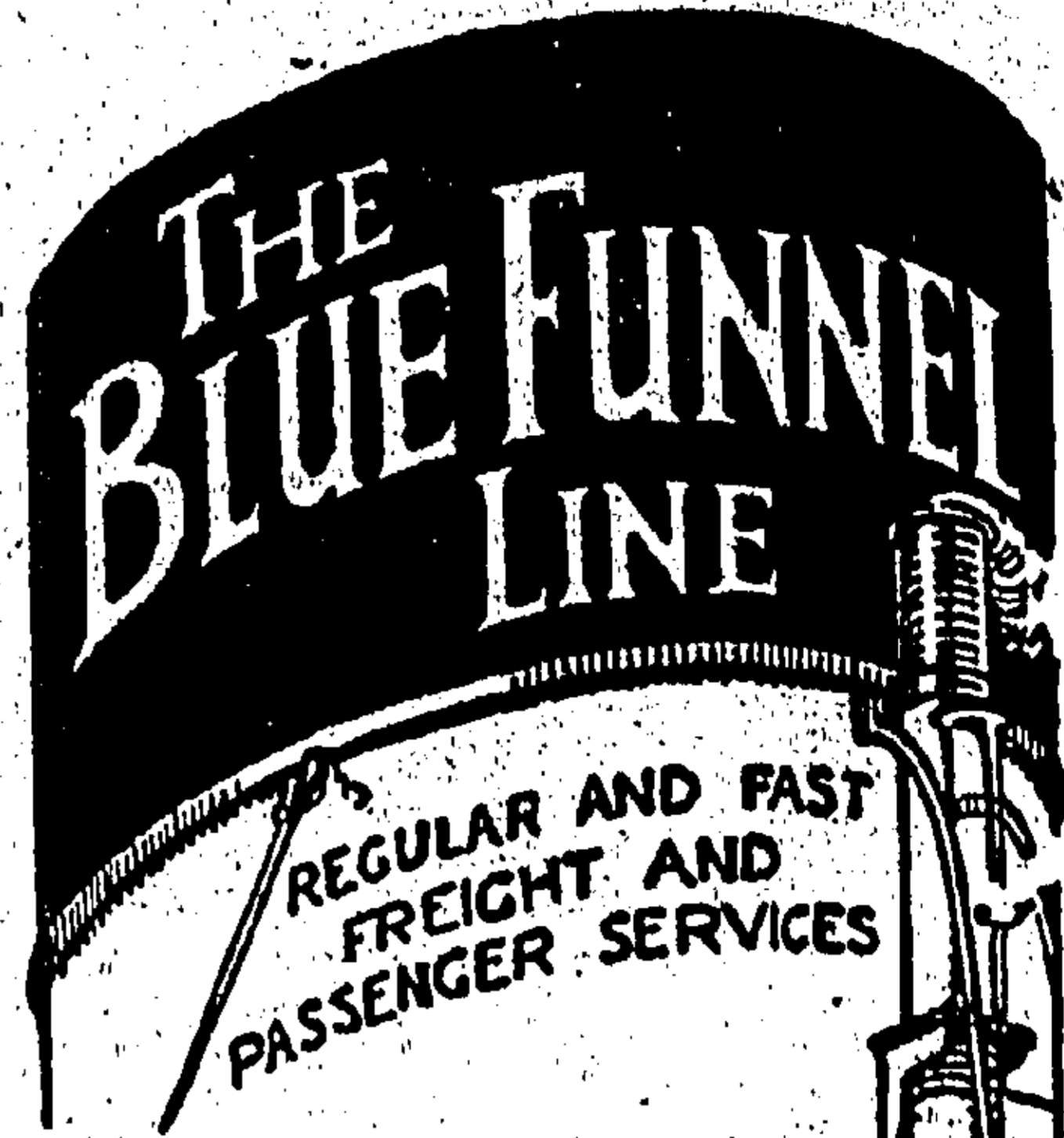
On resuming, the sailors battled pluckily against a well trained team. Gens and Padden were very sound in defence, while Churchwood kept a good goal. After fifteen minutes Crawley found the net, and shortly after added another point. Stephens scored the sixth goal.

Small Units v H.M.S. Iroquois.

Playing on the Garrison ground at Sookunpo, the Small Units defeated the Iroquois by five goals to one. The score does not indicate the general run of the game, for the sailors did not deserve to lose by so great a margin.

Smith, the Units centre forward, had a day out, scoring three goals for his side. After ten minutes play he opened their account. Hogg got through, and put the Units further ahead, while Watson converted a penalty kick. The sailors then took up the attack and Allison beat Penny. Half-time, Small Units 3, Iroquois 1.

Resuming, the sailors went out to reduce the lead against them, but found Penny in great form. Smith took the ball from a pass by Dodson and scored. Another goal came through Smith in the closing minutes.



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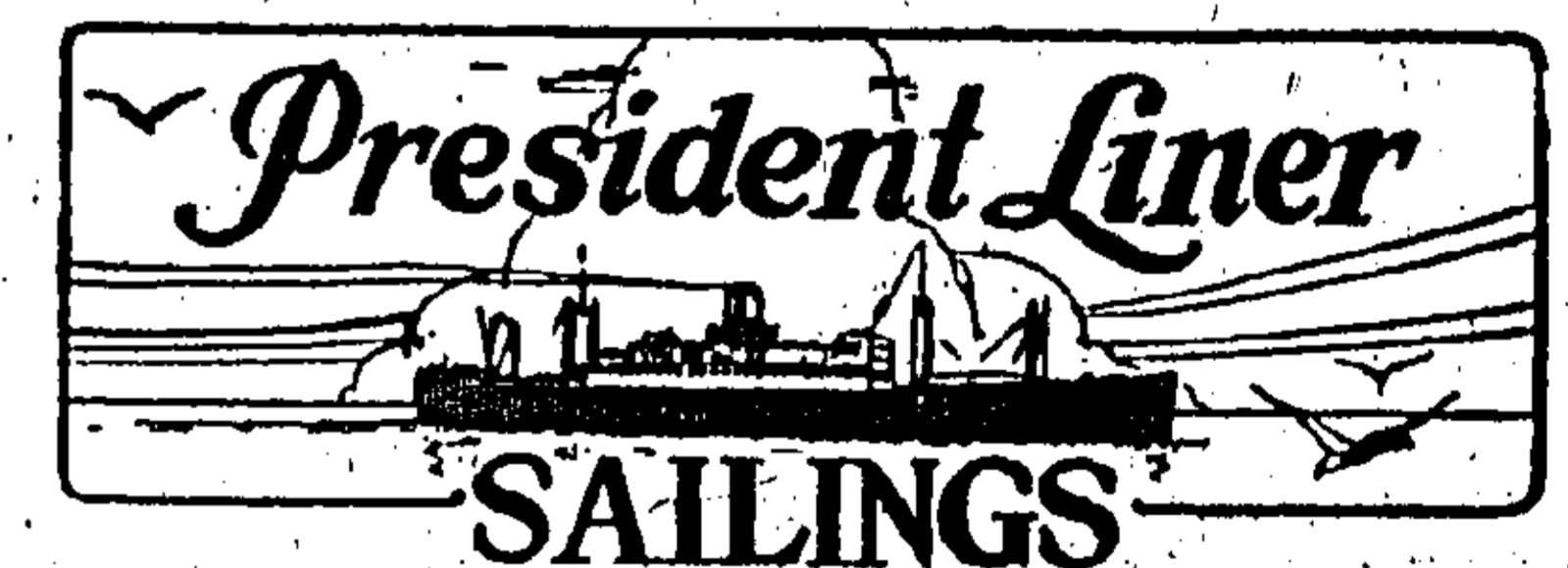
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THE HUNAN CRISIS.

CENTRAL POLITICAL COUNCIL DISCUSSES REPORT.

Nanking, Mar. 13.
It is reliably stated that the Central Political Council, after discussing the joint report on the Hunan issue by Marshal Li Chai-sum, Teal Yuan-pel and Ho Ying-ching, has reached a settlement.

Marshal Li Chai-sum arrived this morning, and immediately called on Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, presumably to discuss the Hunan situation.

Li Chai-sum and his staff are making preparations to stay here until the Kuomintang Congress is over.

Later.
Although up to late this afternoon no official information was obtainable with regard to the Central Political Council meeting this morning, it is reliably learned that the Hunan issue was discussed and satisfactorily settled.

The joint report mentioned earlier was submitted to the meeting. The report stated that Li Chai-sum was not connected with the movement to oust Li Ti-ping, and added that Chang Hua-fu, chief of staff to the Fourth Group Army, Hu Taung-tu, commander of the Hankow Garrison "and one other", were responsible for the trouble in Hunan.

The Central Political Council decided that the latter, all of whom are members of the Wuhan Political Council, shall be dismissed.

As both the Kwangsi and Nanking cliques are represented on the committee of investigation, it is believed the above decision will be peacefully received, thus settling the rumours of war at rest.

The Central Political Council has decided that all the branch councils shall be abolished before the commencement of the Kuomintang Congress.

It has also approved of a proposal that China shall borrow money from foreign capitalists for the development of industry.—Reuter.

North to Combine Against Nanking?

Chefoo, Mar. 13.
A foreign despatch from Tengchowfu, dated March 7, states that Chang Chung-chang arrived there on February 23 and remained ever since.

Ataman Semionoff is not with Chang Chung-chang, but is still at Dairen.

The report adds that a number of Russian troops and officers are at Tengchowfu, 300 of them passing through to the front. It goes on to say that Chang is insistent that there will not be any fighting, as negotiations with Liu Chen-nien are practically completed whereby the latter's forces will march westward against the forces of the Nationalists.

It is claimed that this opening move will consolidate the disaffected elements of the north against Nanking, the object being to re-establish the real revolution of 1911 and the Two-Party system of government.

Chu Yu-pu is at Tengchowfu which is overflowing with arrivals from Dairen and Tientsin, former adherents of Chang Chung-chang.

The situation at Tengchowfu is quiet, but most shops have not opened. The people are most disturbed at Chang Chung-chang's demand for \$200,000, as the city was recently looted of \$150,000 by outgoing troops.—Reuter.

GERMAN SHIP LOST.

GIessen BREAKS BACK ON THE BUTTON.

Shanghai, Mar. 10.
The Norddeutscher Lloyd s.s. Giessen, a cargo steamer of 7,000 tons, en route to Hongkong, yesterday evening struck The Button and early this morning her back broke.

The P. and O. s.s. Khiva, also bound for Hongkong, took off her three passengers and most of the crew. The remainder are taking refuge on The Button. It is believed that there are no casualties.

According to the latest reports the Giessen is a total loss.

Later.
The Giessen was inward bound from Singapore and carried a crew of nine officers and 43 men.

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A call at Melchers and Co. yesterday evening elicited the information that at the time of the accident, the s.s. Giessen was carrying a cargo from Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg and Bremen for China ports, but none of the cargo was destined for Hongkong. It is also learned that the three passengers taken off by the s.s. Khiva had no intention of disembarking here.

DIET DISORDERS.

JAPANESE PUBLIC GROW CONCERNED.

Tokyo, Mar. 13.
The invasion of the Japanese Diet by American-style filibustering, together with a week long reign of disorder, has caused Mr. Hajime Motoda, a member of the Diet since its inception in 1890, to resign as Speaker of the Lower House, though ostensibly due to illness.

In the twelve days remaining the Minseitō parliamentarians have undertaken to talk to death one of Baron Tanaka's pet bills for reorganizing election constituencies advantageously to the Selyukai. In the past three days the opposition has successfully blocked progress, with speeches lasting four and five hours, arousing the Ministerialists' ire. The Diet guards have frequently been called out to quell clashes passing the verbal stage. Mr. Motoda confessing himself unable to maintain order.

The Diet's unruliness has become a matter of national concern, the press and public deprecating what is characterized as a national shame, discrediting parliamentary institutions.

Disorders have characterized the Diet sessions since the beginning, but never have been so prolonged or bitter as at present, the unpopular Tanaka Cabinet stubbornly refusing to give ground before the angry opposition clamour.—Reuter.

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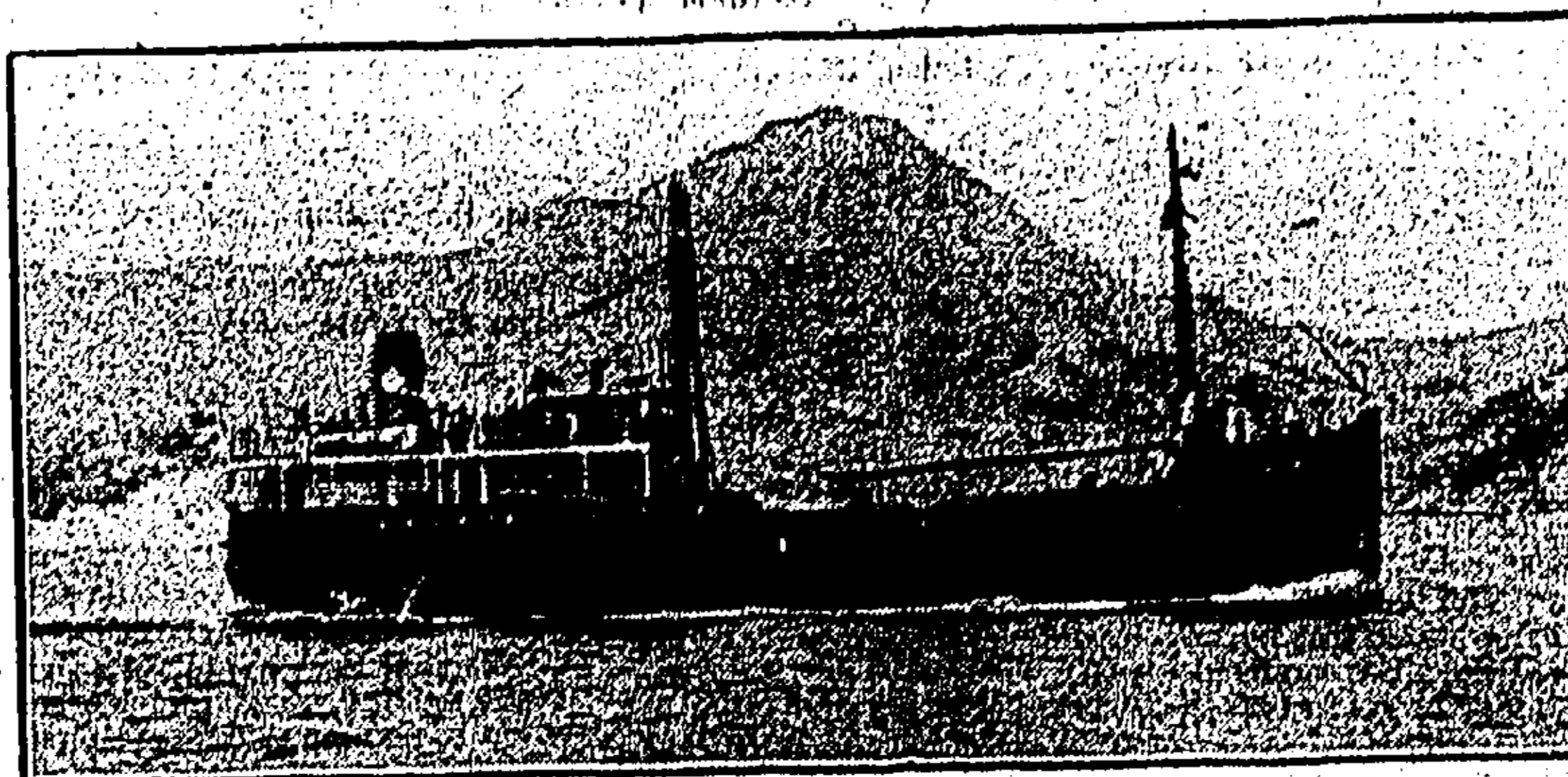
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Morioka Maru Friday, 15th Mar.

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An interesting lecture on photography was given by Mr. Khoo Keng-wah at the University Union last evening, the speaker explaining the scientific simplicity of exposure in such non-technical terms that there were few who left the room without having grasped all that was said. Many interesting sidelights on the photographic art were dealt with, the ground covered being of special benefit to those keen on the hobby.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. F. M. Jose dos Remedios, bank clerk, No. 2, Mosque Junction, Hongkong, to Miss L. M. P. Peres, No. 18, Tong King Road, Kowloon.
It is advertised that the ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., will be held in the office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, on March 27, at noon.

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HUNAN SITUATION LATEST.

LI CHUNG-YEN TO BE ASKED TO CONSIDER.

HANKOW ACTIVITIES.

Nanking, Mar. 13.
A movement is on foot among the Nationalist leaders for retaining the allegiance of General Li Chung-yen, who has just resigned from his position with the Central Government as the result of the Hunan dispute. It is likely that a request will be made to General Li to withdraw his resignation.

The whole subject was thoroughly discussed at to-day's meeting of the Central Political Council and it is believed that this body will formally request General Li Chung-yen to reconsider the position.

The Acting Chairman of the Hunan Provincial Council, General Ho Chien, has wired to Nanking stating that orders have been issued to his subordinates, Generals Yeh Chi and Tan Tao-min, instructing them to cease immediately all troop movements and preparations for war and to await the decision of the leaders at Nanking.

A Hankow report places the total force of the Wu-lan armies at 130,000 of which 30,000 are stationed in the east of Hupeh and 20,000 in the Hunan border near Kiangsi Province.

ROPE COMPANY PROSPECTS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

ended 31st December, 1928, as presented at this meeting be adopted and passed—that \$2,323.49 be transferred to credit of Typhoon and Flood Account and \$101,726.68 be carried forward to credit of next year's account. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer questions from shareholders.

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. H. Taggart and carried unanimously.

Business Matters.

On the proposal of Mr. A. Keith, seconded by Mr. H. Dreyer, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Elly Kadoorie were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors, on the motion of Mr. A. Fiqueredo, seconded by Mr. J. Dick.

Those present at the meeting were:—Mr. R. G. Shewan (Chairman), Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Elly Kadoorie and Mr. J. H. Taggart (Directors), Mr. J. Coulthart (Secretary), and the following shareholders:—Messrs. Kelly Sayce, Allan Keith, F. M. Ellis, A. A. Botelho, H. Dreyer, M. A. Fiqueredo, J. Toppin, F. J. Tavares, J. Dick and W. C. Lawson.

THE PROSERPINE ROCKS.

TO BE REMOVED BY BLASTING.

The following Notice to Mariners has been issued by the Harbour Master of Hongkong with regards to the Proserpine Rocks:

"The removal of these rocks will be commenced on Saturday, 16th inst. During the operation, two divers will be employed and the site marked by a large red flag. Blasting will take place at noon and 5 p.m. daily.

Mariners are warned that it is dangerous to approach within 100 yards of the rocks whilst blasting is in progress and are hereby prohibited from approaching within this distance from the red flag under penalty of \$100."

THE KUOMINTANG CONGRESS.

WILL OPEN AT NANKING TO-MORROW.

Shanghai, Mar. 13.
Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang has cabled to Nanking announcing his inability to participate personally at the National Congress of the Kuomintang owing to illness.

Marshal Feng states that he will adhere with all loyalty to any decisions which may be reached by the Congress.

It is understood that arrangements have been completed for the opening of the Congress on Friday, and Marshal Li Chai-sum, who is now in Nanking, will remain there until the business of the gathering has been concluded.

There are rumours that the Congress will not be allowed to proceed in accordance with the cut-and-dried formula of the Central Government.

THE SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINALS.

MANY MATCHES IN ENGLAND YESTERDAY.

A CHELSEA SETBACK.

London, Mar. 13.
Glasgow Celtic to-day defeated Motherwell at Motherwell, in the Cup replay, a smart performance after their failure to win at home, and qualified for the semi-final of the Scottish Cup Competition. It now appears likely that a Celtic-Rangers final will result, as the draw for the semi-final made to-day resulted as follows:

Kilmarnock v. Celtic.

At Throok Park, Glasgow.

Rangers v. St. Mirren.

At Hampden Park, Glasgow.

Matches are to be played on March 23rd.

Both matches seem to suggest comfortable victories for the Celtic and the Rangers, with the latter, in spite of their bad luck in Cup competitions, likely to perform the feat of taking League and Cup in the same season.

ENGLISH FOOTBALL.

Catching Up With Fixtures.

Teams behind with their fixture list played off some of their games to-day. One big upset occurred, Chelsea losing ground in the Second Division by failing to hold the powerful Notts County team at Nottingham.

The results were:

Division 1.

Birmingham 1 The Arsenal 1
Newcastle 2 Aston Villa 2
Portsmouth 2 Blackburn 2
Liverpool 2 West Ham 1

Division 11.

Notts County 4 Chelsea 3
Reading 3 Wolves 0

Division 111 (South).

Brentford 0 Bournemouth 0

Division 111 (North).

Chesterfield 1 Carlisle 2

LEAGUE TABLES.

The First and Second Division tables, up to date, are appended:

First Division Table.

Wednesday	33	18	8	7	68	48
Sunderland	33	17	0	10	38	53
Leicester	31	15	7	9	54	27
Blackburn	31	15	7	9	42	87
Derby	31	15	7	11	67	56
Aston Villa	31	16	4	11	71	61
Leeds	31	14	6	11	69	64
Newcastle	31	14	5	14	67	65
Arsenal	31	11	10	10	54	52
Everton	30	14	3	13	51	49
Birmingham	31	12	7	12	58	60
Huddersfield	30	12	6	12	58	42
Liverpool	31	11	8	12	68	53
Bolton	31	11	8	12	58	55
Manchester C.	32	11	7	14	69	73
West Ham	31	11	7	14	67	75
Burnley	32	12	5	15	64	82
Sheffield U.	32	10	8	14	67	71
Cardiff	33	8	9	16	47	45
Manchester U.	32	7	11	14	44	64
Bury	30	9	5	15	43	70
Portsmouth	31	10	8	18	42	71

Second Division Table.

Middlesbrough	33	17	0	7	78	49
Notts County	33	16	8	9	62	47
Grimsby	31	17	6	9	66	50
Sheff. Wed.	31	16	9	8	68	43
Southampton	32	11	14	7	55	43
Millwall	30	14	7	9	60	53
Bradford	31	16	3	12	60	53
Stoke	32	12	10	10	51	87
Preston N.E.	32	14	5	13	65	60
Blackpool	32	13	6	13	65	62
Notts Forest	32	11	10	11	54	66
Wolves	32	11	7	14	64	64
Hull	31	10	9	12	49	65
Tottenham	31	13	3	15	54	65
Swansea	32	10	8	14	53	60
West Brom.	31	11	9	13	54	66
Reading	32	10	8	14	50	68
Oldham	32	12	4	15	42	62
Clapton O.	32	9	8	15	60	55
Bristol C.	32	10	6	16	48	62
Port Vale	32	12	1	19	60	65
Barnsley	32	10	4	18	47	60

A WORLD WALKING TOUR.

JAPANESE ARRIVES IN HONGKONG.

Yasukuni Takeshita, a young Japanese who is on a world walking tour, is at present in Hongkong. He was formerly a teacher of English in the Special Commercial School at Nagoya, and is making his present tour with the idea of studying geography and the customs of various people.

He first started out from San Francisco in 1914, and has already covered many thousands of miles in the United States, China, Manchuria, Indo-China, Siam, Burma, India, Malay States, the South Sea Islands, Australia and Korea.

After the first part of his tour he returned to Japan, which he again left in January last year, and it is his intention to go on from here to Singapore, Central Asia, Europe and Africa. He expects his present tour to occupy seven years.

CHINESE OUTLOOK NEBULOUS.

SIR MILES LAMPSON REPORTS ON SITUATION.

COMMONS QUESTIONS.

London, Mar. 13.

Asked in the House of Commons to state the present position in China, Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister reports that the situation is at present nebulous.

In Shanghai, General Chang Chung-chang has been reinforced by revolt to him of several thousands of ex-Northern troops who had been incorporated in the forces of the National Government, but no serious fighting has taken place.

Fighting took place at Changsha in the last week of February when a General belonging to the Kwangsi group was forcibly displaced by one of his colleagues. As the latter was a nominee of Nanking, the incident gave rise to rumours of an impending recrudescence of civil war, but, according to the latest report from the British Consul-General at Shanghai, the situation appears easier, and Marshal Li Chung-yen, the head of the Kwangsi party, who is at present in hospital in that town, has published a statement declaring his allegiance to the National Government and stating that the Changsha affair is of local significance only.

The position may become clearer after the meeting of the Party Congress of the Kuomintang, which is due to open at Nanking on March 16th.—British Wireless.

HELD BY MEXICAN BANDITS.

BRITAIN & UNITED STATES CO-OPERATING.

London, Mar. 13.

In the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that the British Minister at Mexico City had reported that Mr. John Reid, a British subject, together with an American citizen, had been kidnapped by brigands and was being held to ransom. Both men were employed by the San Nicholas Mining and Milling Company in the city of Durango.

The British Minister and the United States Ambassador were in communication on the subject with the Mexican Government, and the British Vice-Consul at Durango had been instructed to co-operate with his United States colleague in an endeavour to secure the release of the captured men.—British Wireless.

ROYAL WEDDING.

DUKE OF YORK TO BE "BEST MAN."

London, Mar. 13.

The Duke and Duchess of York are leaving for Norway to-morrow to attend the marriage, at Oslo, of Crown Prince Olaf and Princess Martha of Sweden.

The wedding takes place on the 21st instant, and the Duke of York will be the "best man."

A British wireless message says the Duke and Duchess will represent the King and Queen at the marriage. They are travelling overland to Norway via Dover, Calais and Berlin.

FRENCH AIR ROUTE TO EAST.

FACILITIES GRANTED BY ITALY.

Paris, Mar. 13.

As the result of an agreement reached between France and Italy, it will be possible for France to develop an air route from Marseilles across Italy to Athens, and then to Japan via Bragdad, Indo-China and China.

The agreement allows France to use the Italian airports at Naples and Castellorosso, thus removing any difficulty for the first stage of the air route.—Reuter.

MARSHAL FOCH.

TAKES TURN FOR WORSE.

Paris, Mar. 13.
Marshal Foch has taken a sudden turn for the worse, and his condition is now causing some anxiety.

Convicted of stowing away from Swatow on board the s.s. Cremer, two Chinese were each sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendants pleaded that they had lost their tickets, but his Worship disbelieved their story, as neither had any money when found.

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